

# *Christmas Eve Liturgy 2025*

*Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**6:30 PM:** Our liturgical Zoom gathering will begin. People can sign in and have a few moments of chit-chat before the liturgy begins.

**6:45 PM:** Introduction by John MacMillan.

**Reflective Christmas Music:** With the 4 candles of the Advent Wreath lighted, we will begin our Christmas Eve together listening to some instrumental Christmas music provided by Mike Watson at the keyboard.

***Mary Did You Know?*, sung by Sylvia.**

## **MARY DID YOU KNOW?**

**Lyrics: Mark Lowry; Music: Buddy Greene**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would someday walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you've kissed your little baby  
Then you've kissed the face of God?

Mary, did you know ... ?  
Mary, did you know ... ?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear,  
The dead will live again;  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding is the great "I Am"?

**7:00 PM:** **The Christ Candle** will be lighted, the White candle, the 5<sup>th</sup> candle in the Advent wreath, which signifies the end of the waiting period of Advent and acknowledges the presence of Christ among us.

**7:05 PM:     Mass begins.**

**Opening Hymn: “Creator of the Stars of Night”**

- Two verses played on the keyboard by Mike Watson
- Sylvia will then sing the lyrics, as follows:

Creator alme siderum  
Eterna Lux credentium  
Jesu redemptor omnium  
Intende votis supplicum

1. Creator of the stars of night  
Who shaped the skies eternal lights  
O Christ redeemer of us all  
Bend near and hear us when we call.
2. O love that bore our human form  
O tiny child of lowly birth  
Let now your love be born in us  
‘Til peace and justice fill the earth.
3. Give us a love that never dies  
A vision of the world to come  
When all oppression finally ends  
And all the homeless find a home.
4. When children teach the strong and proud  
When all the hungry have their fill  
When rich no longer use the poor  
When guns and bombs no longer kill.
5. God who brought all life to birth  
O Christ who wore love’s human face  
O spirit making life anew  
Grant us your wisdom love and grace.

**Welcome and Opening Prayers:** Fr. Ron MacDonell

**GLORIA:** by John Dawson

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

We praise you, we bless you, we adore,  
We glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen. Amen.

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 9: 2-4; 6-7 (Reader: Mary MacMillan)

**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 89): ***Refrain: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.***

**Second Reading:** Titus 2: 11-14 (Reader: Lindsay Watson)

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 1-16

**Homily:** Fr. Ron

**Apostles' Creed**

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Started by Fr. Ron, and then some prepared intentions will be read:

- The Church
- Our Community
- Immigrants & Refugees
- The Jewish People
- The Palestinians
- Peace for the Family of God

**Offertory: O Come All Ye Faithful / Adeste Fideles**

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

**Refrain:**        *O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord.*

2. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem!  
Natum videte, Regem angelorum.

**Refrain:**        *Venite adoremus  
Venite adoremus,  
Venite adoremus,  
Dominum*

3. Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God, in the highest.

**Refrain:**        *O come let us adore Him ...*

**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

**Eucharistic Acclamation:**    When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
We proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.,

**Great Amen:**            Amen, Amen, Amen.

**Sign of Peace:**        A greeting of peace to each other.

**Lamb of God:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us. *[TWICE]*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
O grant us, grant us peace.

**Communion:**

**Silent Night**  
**Joseph Mohr / Franz Gruber**  
Instrumental by Mike Watson

**Recessional: *Joy to the World***

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns!  
Let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, and wonders of his love.

***Feliz Navidad***

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad, Prospero Año y Felicidad. [REPEAT]

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas,  
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas,  
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
From the bottom of my heart. [REPEAT]

**Thank You:** Bill Watson

**Announcements and Community Meet and Greet on Zoom,  
with an invitation to enjoy some food and refreshments as  
we continue our gathering.**

**Our next Zoom Mass will be Jan 11, 2026, at 11 AM.**



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025!*