IN ACCORD WITH DioCESAN HEALTH GUIDELINES, THERE SHOULD BE NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING AT MASS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD OF 12 YEARS OR YOUNGER TO THE RESTROOM DURING HOLY MASS.

CAROLS BEFORE MASS:  
- Ding Dong! Merrily on High
- Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
- In Dulci jubilo
- Schlaf, mein Liebster (Sleep, My Beloved), fr. Christmas Oratorio—JS Bach (1685-1750)  
  Katherine Elizabeth Ma, Cello
- God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
- Shepherds Left Their Flocks A-straying
- Good King Wenceslaus
- The First Nowell

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION:
Today, The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

PROCESSION TO THE CRECHE: Once in Royal David’s City

INTROIT: Plainsong, Mode II, Ps. 2:7  
Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te. (Ps. 2:1) Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi meditati sunt inania?  
The Lord said to me: you are my Son, this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:1) Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things?

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful

KYRIE & GLORIA : Mass for Four Voices—Pierre Colin (c. 1538-1565)

Kyrie, eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Glória in excélsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntátis.  
Laudámus te, benedícitum te,  
adorámus te, gloríficámus te,  
grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glória tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caeléstis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Dómine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccátum mundi, misérere nobis;  
qui tollis peccátum mundi, súscipe deprecationém nostram;  
qui sedes ad dextéram Patris, misérere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus,  
tu solus Altissímus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris.  
Amen.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
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.  
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.
FIRST READING: IS 9:1-6
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David’s throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 97:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Sing to the LORD a new song;
— sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.
Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
— among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
— let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.
They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;
— for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice
— and the peoples with his constancy.

SECOND READING: TI 2:11-14
Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

GOSPEL: LK 2:1-14
In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

DURING THE CREED TODAY AT THE WORDS THAT FOLLOW UP TO AND INCLUDING “AND BECAME MAN,” ALL GENUFLECT.

OFFERTORY CHANT: Plainsong, Mode IV, PS 24:7
Laetentur coeli, et exsultet terra ante faciem Domini: quoniam venit.

OFFERTORY MOTET: Viderunt Omnes Fines Terrae—Mikolaj Zielenski (1560-1620)
Viderunt omnes fines terrae salutare Dei nostri. Alleluia.

A SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN FOR PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT.
Please be generous in your support of our priests.
SANCTUS—Mass VIII (de Angelis)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

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.

AGNUS DEI: Mass for Four Voices—Pierre Colin (c. 1538-1565)

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
mittere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION CHANT: Plainsong, Mode VI, Isaiah 40:5

In splendoribus Sanctorum,
Ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary,
From the womb, before the morning star, I begot you.

COMMUNION MOTETS: In Nativitatem Domini Canticum—Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

Quem vidistis pastores dicite:
annuntiate nobis in terra quis apparuit?
Parvulum qui natus est nobis.
Filium qui datus est nobis
Natum vidimus, natus ex virgine,
et choros Angelorum collaudantes eum.
Notum fecit Dominus salutare suum,
revelavit in terra justitiam suam.
Psallite Domino in cithara et voce psalmi;
in tubis ductilibus, et voce tubae corneae.
Flumina plaudant manu,
montes exultent a conspectu ejus
quoniam venit salvare terram.

Whom did you see, shepherds, say,
tell us: who has appeared on earth?
For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us,
We saw the son, born to the Virgin,
and choirs of angels praising the Lord.
The Lord has made known his salvation,
and has revealed his justice on earth.
Praise the Lord with harp and the singing of psalms,
with long trumpets and sound of the horn.
The rivers shall clap their hands,
the mountains shall ring out with joy
for he comes to save the earth.

IN THE SACRED LITURGY, CATHOLICS IN A STATE OF GRACE WHO HAVE FASTED FOR ONE HOUR AND WHO HAVE MADE A GOOD SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION IF THEY HAVE BEEN CONSCIOUS OF ANY MORTAL SIN, COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SACRED HOST MUST BE CONSUMED IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE PRIEST OR MINISTER. WE DO NOT HAVE INTERCOMMUNION WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND SUGGEST THAT THOSE MEMBERS OF OTHER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES USE THIS TIME FOR QUIET PRAYER, THANKSGIVING AND REFLECTION.

COMMUNION HYMN: Silent Night

CLOSING HYMN: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

POSTLUDE: In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729—JS Bach (1685-1750)


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