

25 December

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The book of common prayer (1979)

**Third Celebration  
The Day Mass of  
Christmas**

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ**

Part 1. English Rite I

**Introit**

Puer natus

Cf. Isaiah 9:6/Psalm 98:1

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nto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called Angel of great counsel. **Psalm.** O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things. **Gloria Patri.**

Graduale romanum (1961), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Tertiam Missam in Die

**Gloria in excelsis**

**Collect**

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lmighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Lesson** Isaiah 52:7-10

**Gradual**

Viderunt

Psalm 98:4,5/3

All the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God; show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands. **Verse.** The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

Graduale romanum (1961), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Tertiam Missam in Die

**Epistle** Hebrews 1:1-12

**Alleluia**

**Dies sanctificatus**

Anonymous

Alleluia, alleluia. **Verse.** A hallowed day hath dawned upon us; come, all ye nations, and worship the Lord, for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

[Graduale romanum \(1961\), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Tertiam Missam in Die](#)

**The Holy Gospel** John 1:1-14

**The Nicene Creed** kneeling at the Incarnatus

**Collect after the Prayers of the People**

O God our heavenly Father, who hast manifested thy love towards mankind in sending thine only Son into the world, that all might live through him: We pray thee to speed forth these good tidings of great joy to every nation, that the people who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may see the great light and may come with us to worship him whose Name is called Wonderful, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[Prayers for every occasion \(1974\), no. 49 \(Frank Colquhoun\)](#)

**Offertory**

**Tui sunt cæli**

Psalm 89:11,14

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is; righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

[Graduale romanum \(1961\), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Tertiam Missam in Die](#)

**Secret**

Sanctify, O Lord, our offerings by the new birth of thine only-begotten Son, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[The Catholic missal \(1935\), Christmas: Day](#)

**Preface of the Incarnation**

**Communion**

**Viderunt omnes**

Psalm 98:4

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**Postcommunion Collect**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that as the Saviour of the world, born today, has regenerated us to a divine life, so he may further bestow upon us the gift of immortality; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[The Catholic missal \(1935\), Christmas: Day](#)

## Solemn Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Book of Occasional Services (1991)*

Then, in place of the usual dismissal, the Deacon begins the Procession as follows

Let us go forth in peace.  
*In the Name of Christ. Amen.*

## Processional Hymn

Les anges dans nos  
campagnes

French carol, probably 18th century; English translation, James Chadwick, 1813-1882, altered

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

**Refrain.** Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

**Refrain.**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

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## Responsive Devotion

Angelus

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The angel † of the Lord announced unto Mary. [3 bells]  
*And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.*

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and  
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. [3 bells]  
*Be it unto me according to thy word.*

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Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray.

**[9 bells]** We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have  
known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin  
Mary, may by his cross † and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who  
liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

**No blessing or dismissal is added. All may depart.**

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## Part 2. English Rite II

### Introit

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**Lesson**      Isaiah 52:7-10

**Gradual**

**Viderunt omnes**

Psalm 98:4, with verses 1,2/3,4/5,6

The refrain is recited first by a leader or cantor and then repeated by the congregation. It is repeated again by all where indicated in the text.

**Refrain.** All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

V. Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.

V. With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.

**Refrain.**

V. The Lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

V. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Refrain.**

V. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

V. Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.

**Refrain.**

Missale romanum cum lectionibus (1977), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Missam in Die

**Epistle**      Hebrews 1:1-12

**Alleluia**

**Verbum caro : plenum**

John 1:14

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Gradual psalms, alleluia verses, and tracts for ... (1980-1990), Christmas Day III: During the Day

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### **Secret**

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his Name. *Amen.*

The book of alternative services of the Anglican Church of Canada (1985), Christmas: During the Day

### **Preface of the Incarnation**

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Father of all, the Child born for us is the Savior of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. *Amen.*

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## Parte 3. Español

### Introito

Puer natus

[Cf. Isaías 9:6/Salmo 98:1](#)

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os ha nacido un Niño, nos ha sido dado un Hijo, que tiene sobre los hombros la soberanía, y que se llamará Ángel de gran consejo. **Salmo.** Canten al Señor cántico nuevo, porque ha hecho maravillas. **Gloria Patri.**

[Graduale romanum \(1961\), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Tertiam Missam in Die](#)

### Gloria in excelsis

### Colecta

O

mnipotente Dios, tú has dado a tu unigénito Hijo para asumir nuestra naturaleza, y nacer este día de una Virgen pura: Concede que, siendo nacidos de nuevo y hechos tus hijos por adopción y gracia, seamos renovados cada día con tu Espíritu Santo; mediante nuestro Señor Jesucristo, a quien contigo y el mismo Espíritu sea el honor y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. *Amén.*

**Lección**      Isaías 52:7-10

### Gradual

Viderunt omnes

[Salmo 98:4, con versículos 1,2/3,4/5,6](#)



Un cantor o lector recita la antífona por primera parte y luego el pueblo la repita. Todos la repitan otra vez donde se indica en el texto.

**Antífona.** Los confines de la tierra han visto la victoria de nuestro Dios.

**V.** Canten al Señor cántico nuevo, \* porque ha hecho maravillas.

**V.** Con su diestra, y con su santo brazo, \* ha alcanzado la victoria.

**Antífona.**

**V.** El Señor ha dado a conocer su victoria; \* a la vista de las naciones ha descubierto su justicia.

**V.** Se acuerda de su misericordia y su fidelidad para con la casa de Israel; \* los confines de la tierra han visto la victoria de nuestro Dios.

**Antífona.**

**V.** Aclamen con júbilo al Señor, pueblos todos; \* levanten la voz, gócese y canten.

**V.** Canten al Señor con el arpa, \* con el arpa y la voz de cántico.

**Antífona.**

Missale romanum cum lectionibus (1977), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Missam in Die

**Epístola** Hebreos 1:1-12

**Aleluya** Verbum caro : plenum

Juan 1:14

Aleluya, aleluya. **Versículo.** El Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre vosotros, lleno de gracia y de verdad. Aleluya.

Gradual psalms, alleluia verses, and tracts for ... (1980-1990), Christmas Day III: During the Day

**El Santo Evangelio** Juan 1:1-14

**El Credo Niceno** de rodillas en el Incarnatus

**Colecta después de la Oración de los Fieles**

Oh Dios nuestro Padre celestial, has enseñado tu amor para con el género humano en enviar a tu Hijo unigénito en el mundo, a fin de que todos vivan por el: Te suplicamos que apresures estas buenas nuevas de gran alegría a cada nación, para que los sentados en la oscuridad y en la sombra de muerte vean la luz brillante y vengan con nosotros a adorarle cuyo Nombre se llama Maravilloso, nuestro Señor y Salvador. *Amén.*

Prayers for every occasion (1974), no. 49 (Frank Colquhon); tr. ed.

**Ofertorio**

**Tui sunt cæli**

Salmo 89:11,14

Tuyos son los cielos, tuya también la tierra; el mundo y su plenitud, tu lo fundaste; rectitud y justicia son el cimiento de tu trono.

[Graduale romanum \(1961\), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Tertiam Missam in Die](#)

## Secreta

Santifica, Señor, por la nueva Natividad de tu Unigénito, los dones ofrecidos, y purifícanos de las manchas de nuestros pecados; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. *Amén.*

[Misal completo latino-español para uso de los fieles \(1963\), Natividad del Señor: 3a. Misa: En el Día](#)

## Prefacio de la Encarnación

### Comunión

### Viderunt omnes

[Salmo 98:4](#)

Los confines de la tierra han visto la victoria de nuestro Dios.

[Graduale romanum \(1961\), In Nativitate Domini: Ad Tertiam Missam in Die](#)

## Poscomunión

Suplicamos, Dios todopoderoso, que nos concedas que el Salvador del mundo, nacido en este día, así como es el autor de nuestra adopción divina, así también sea el dador de la inmortalidad; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. *Amén.*

[Misal completo latino-español para uso de los fieles \(1963\), Natividad del Señor: 3a Misa: En el Día](#)

## Bendición Solemne

Que Cristo, quien por su Encarnación juntó las cosas terrenas y las celestiales, les colme con su gozo y paz; y la bendición de Dios omnipotente, el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo, sea con ustedes y more con ustedes eternamente. *Amén.*

[Ritual para ocasiones especiales \(1990\)](#)

**Entonces, en vez de la despedida acostumbrada, el Diácono empieza la Procesión así**

Caminemos en paz.  
*En Nombre de Cristo. Amén.*

## Himno Procesional

### Les anges dans nos campagnes

[Villancico francés, probablemente del siglo XVIII; traducción al español: estrofas 1, 3, 4, George P. Simmonds \(1890-1991\); estrofa 2, Lorenzo Álvarez \(1897-1969\)](#)

1. Ángeles cantando están tan dulcísima canción;  
las montañas eco dan como fiel contestación.

**Estribillo.** Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Los pastores, al oír tales preces y loor,  
se admiraron entre sí del porqué de la canción.

**Estribillo.**

3. Es que anuncian con fervor que ha nacido el Salvador,  
Todo el mundo gozará paz y buena voluntad.

**Estribillo.**

4. Pronto vamos a Belén para contemplar con fe;  
a Jesús, autor del bien, al recién nacido Rey.

**Estribillo.**

*Gloria, Villancico francés, arreglado por Edward Shippen Barnes, 1887-1958; El Himnario (1998)*

**Los fieles se reúnen en la procesión detrás de los sagrados ministros. Al llegar al Pesebre Navideño, todos se arrodillan, y el Celebrante dirige al pueblo en lo siguiente**

## **Devoción Antifonal**

## **Angelus**

Cf. Lucas 1:28,38; Juan 1:14

El ángel del Señor lo anunció a María. **[3 campanas]**  
*Y concibió por obra del Espíritu Santo.*

Dios te salve, María, llena de gracia; el Señor está contigo; bendita tú entre las mujeres y  
bendito el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.  
*Santa María, Madre de Dios, ora por nosotros los pecadores ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.  
Amén.*

He aquí la esclava del Señor. **[3 campanas]**  
*Hágase en mí según tu palabra.*

Dios te salve, María, llena de gracia; el Señor está contigo; bendita tú entre las mujeres y  
bendito el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.  
*Santa María, Madre de Dios, ora por nosotros los pecadores ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.  
Amén.*

El Verbo se hizo carne. **[3 campanas]**  
*Y vivió entre nosotros.*

Dios te salve, María, llena de gracia; el Señor está contigo; bendita tú entre las mujeres y  
bendito el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.  
*Santa María, Madre de Dios, ora por nosotros los pecadores ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.  
Amén.*

Ruega por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios.  
*Para que seamos dignos de alcanzar las promesas de Jesucristo.*

Oremos.

[9 campanas] Derrama tu gracia en nuestros corazones, oh Señor, para que los que hemos conocido la encarnación de tu Hijo Jesucristo, anunciado por un ángel a María la Virgen, seamos llevados por la cruz y pasión de Cristo a la gloria de su resurrección; quien vive y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, ahora y por siempre. *Amén.*

No se añada ni bendición ni despedida. Todos pueden salir.

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