

3 January

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[Lesser Feasts and Fasts \(1997\)](#)

4 January, if Christmas  
Day is Friday or  
Saturday

## Weekday in Christmastide III

### Part 1. English Rite I

#### Introit

Benedictus qui venit

[Psalm 118:26,27,1](#)

**B**

lessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord, who hath showed us light. **Psalm.** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious; because his mercy endureth for ever. **Gloria Patri.**

[Missale romanum cum lectionibus \(1977\)](#), In Feriis Temporis Nativitatis a Die 2 Januarii usque ad Sabbatum ante Festum Baptismatis Domini: Feria Tertia

#### Gloria in excelsis

#### Collect

**W**

e beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy people; that, being delivered from all false doctrine, thy Church may serve thee in freedom and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

[The people's Anglican missal in the American edition \(1946\)](#), Seasonal Prayers in Christmastide for the Church

**Epistle** [3 January](#) 1 John 3:1-6

[4 January](#) 1 John 3:7-10

#### Gradual

Unam petii : Beati qui  
habitant

[Psalm 27:4/84:3](#)

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. **Verse.** Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord; they will be always praising thee.

## 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

3 January John 1:29-34

4 January John 1:35-42

The Nicene Creed is omitted.

## Collect after the Prayers of the People

O merciful Jesus, who when thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, didst not abhor the Virgin's womb: Vouchsafe evermore to dwell in the hearts of us thy servants; inspire us with thy purity; strengthen us with thy might; guide us into thy truth; that we may conquer every adverse power, and be wholly devoted to thy service and conformed to thy will, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Prayers for every occasion (1974), no. 79 (source not identified)

## Offertory

## Benedic anima mea

Psalms 103:2,5

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who maketh thee young and lusty as an eagle.

Graduale romanum (1961), Feria Sexta Quatuor Temporum Quadragesimæ

## Secret

Defend, O Lord, we pray, thy servants, that we may hold fast to things heavenly, and serve thee faithfully in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people's Anglican missal in the American edition (1946), Seasonal Prayers in Christmastide for the Church

## Preface of the Incarnation

## Communion

## Propter nimiam

Ephesians 2:4; Romans 8:3

For his great love wherewith he loved us, God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh.

Missale romanum cum lectionibus (1977), In Feriis Temporis Nativitatis a Die 2 Januarii usque ad Sabbatum ante Festum Baptismatis Domini: Feria Tertia

## Postcommunion Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as we have been made partakers of heavenly gladness, so we may be defended from all earthly perils; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 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)

## Part 2. English Rite II

### Introit

Benedictus qui venit

Psalm 118:26,27,1

# B

lessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord who has shined upon us. **Psalm.** Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures for ever. **Gloria Patri.**

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### Gradual

Viderunt omnes

Psalm 98:4, with verses 1,2/7,8/9,10

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. With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

V. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.

Refrain.

V. Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

V. In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

Refrain.

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

## Alleluia

## Multifarie

Hebrews 1:1,2

Alleluia, alleluia. **Verse.** In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but now God has spoken to us through a Son. Alleluia.

Graduale romanum (1961), In Octava Nativitatis Domini

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## Parte 3. Español

### Introito

### Benedictus qui venit

Salmo 118:26,27,1

**B**

endito el que viene en el Nombre del Señor; Dios es el Señor; nos ha iluminado. **Salmo.** Den gracias al Señor, porque él es bueno; para siempre es su misericordia. **Gloria Patri.**

Missale romanum cum lectionibus (1977), In Feriis Temporis Nativitatis a Die 2 Januarii usque ad Sabbatum ante Festum Baptismatis Domini: Feria Tertia

### Gloria in excelsis

### Colecta



El Credo Niceno se omite.

## Colecta después de la Oración de los Fieles

Oh Jesús misericordioso, al hacerte hombre para salvarnos, no desdeñaste el seno de la Virgen: Dígnate habitar siempre en el corazón de nosotros tus siervos; inspíranos con tu pureza; fortalécenos con tu poder; guíanos en tu verdad; a fin de que vencamos todo poder adversario, y seamos totalmente devotos a tu servicio y conformados a tu voluntad, a la gloria de Dios Padre. *Amén.*

[Prayers for every occasion \(1974\), no. 79 \(source not identified\); tr. ed.](#)

## Ofertorio

### Benedic anima mea

[Salmo 103:2,5](#)

Bendice, alma mía, al Señor, y no olvides ninguno de sus beneficios, que como el águila renueva tu juventud.

[Graduale romanum \(1961\), Feria Sexta Quatuor Temporum Quadragesimæ](#)

## Secreta

Defiéndenos, oh Señor, te suplicamos, a nosotros tus siervos, para que tendamos firmemente a lo celestial, y te sirvamos fielmente en cuerpo y alma; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. *Amén.*

[The people's Anglican missal in the American edition \(1946\), Seasonal Prayers in Christmastide for the Church; tr. ed.](#)

## Prefacio de la Encarnación

## Comunión

### Propter nimiam

[Efesios 2:4; Romanos 8:3](#)

Por el gran amor con que nos amó, Dios envió a su propio Hijo en carne semejante a la del pecado.

[Missale romanum cum lectionibus \(1977\), In Feriis Temporis Nativitatis a Die 2 Januarii usque ad Sabbatum ante Festum Baptismatis Domini: Feria Tertia](#)

## Poscomunión

Concede, te suplicamos, oh Señor Dios nuestro, que nosotros que han sido hecho partícipes de gozo celestial, así seamos defendidos de todo peligro terrestre; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. *Amén.*

[The people's Anglican missal in the American edition \(1946\), Seasonal Prayers in Christmastide for the Church; tr. ed.](#)

## 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 \(1990\)](#)