



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY – 25 December 2021

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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Archbishop's Christmas message
to the People of Brisbane

Readings for today: Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

This year was supposed to be different. We thought by now that the mind-numbing, paralysing effects of plague would be a thing of history. But our present circumstance hasn't become history just yet and we find ourselves once more both burdened and motivated by the demands of collective responsibility.

We jostle and groan at the loss of our freedoms; some resent the voices of power, suspicious of their creeping authority. Others chant something about liberty, and yet many - most - respond readily to public exhortation.

Even so, all of us struggle to recognise the world in which we now live. Is this really Christmas 2021?

Yes it is. The feast of the Nativity is never an escape from reality, from what is really real. And what is really real is now. The first weeks of Advent are all about waking-up — becoming awake and staying awake. So now is not the time to go back to sleep; to be lost in the dreams that we wish were true or trapped in the nightmares which we most fear. Christmas is about being glad that we are awake; our senses seized by a real God who is alive in this real world.

If we have heard the Advent call and arisen from the fatigue of uncertainty, then these last two years have been a chance to discover good health; to learn about the things that make us well in body, mind and spirit and to let go of the things which are beyond our control, and find joy in simpler, humbler ways. So perhaps there can be more than one person who is making a list and checking it twice this Christmas. What has this seemingly never-ending roller-coaster ride taught you about living well and authentically? Make a list.

When God came in the flesh to make this world well, God also came with lessons to teach us, with instructions to follow. This Teacher and Healer taught us where to look for God (among the weak, the left behind, the wounded); how to be human (be humble, be generous, be compassionate); and what to hope for and trust in (life, new life, and eternal life). If the last two years have left you battled scarred by reality, then the promise of Christmas is for you. God comes because this world, and we, the human family who inhabit it, have a great need. We need rescuing by a real God who chooses to risk everything for our sake.

Fr Anthony



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St. Stephen**
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



**Villa Maria Age
Care Chapel**
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses until
further notice.*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8:00am (live-streamed)

Saturday 11:30am (live-streamed)

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

St Patrick's Church

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (8am & 10am live-streamed)

Reconciliation Wednesday to Friday 8.30am – 9.30am

Saturday 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

Music at 8am & 12 Noon Masses of Christmas Day—The Cathedral of St Stephen

ENTRANCE CAROL

CWB 265

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,
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O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

KYRIE

Mass Shalom – Smith

All repeat after Cantor

GLORIA

Mass Shalom – Smith

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13. R Lk 2:11



To - day is born our Sa - viour, Christ the Lord. _____

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

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OFFERTORY CAROL

CWB 265

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy.

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 of his love.

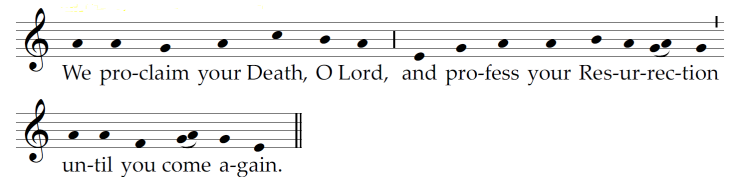
SANCTUS

Mass Shalom – Smith

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL #1



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION CAROL

CWB 256

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

RECESSIONAL CAROL

CWB 262

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
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Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! The Herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
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INTROIT

Isaiah 9:6

Puer natus est nobis, et filius
datus est nobis: cuius
imperium super humerum
eius: et vocabitur nomen eius,
magni consilii Angelus.

Unto us a child is born, unto
us a son is given. Dominion is
on his shoulder and his name
shall be called the Angel of
Great Counsel.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

CWB 267

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Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
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O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created.

Refrain

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

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

KYRIE & GLORIA

Missa Brevis in D Major K194 WA Mozart (1756-1791)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97

To - day is born our Sa - viour, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:10-11

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OFFERTORY MOTET

Hodie Christus natus est:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
laetantur Archangeli Hodie
exultant iusti, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia.

Today Christ is born:
Today the Saviour appeared:
Today on Earth the Angels
sing, Archangels rejoice:
Today the righteous rejoice,
saying: Glory to God in the
highest. Alleluia.

Music: Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

HOLY HOLY

Mass XVIII

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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COMMUNION MOTET

from Oratorio de Noël Op 12

Tollite hostias, et adorete
Dominum in atrio sancto
eius. Laetentur coeli, et
exultet terra a facie Domini,
quoniam venit. Alleluia.

Bring offerings, and adore the
Lord in his holy place. Rejoice,
heaven, and exult, all the earth,
before the Lord, for he comes.
Alleluia.

Music: Camille Saint-Saëns (1562-1621)

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CWB 256

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"Final" from Symphonie I in D Op. 14
- Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Music at 9am Mass of Christmas Day – St Patrick's Church

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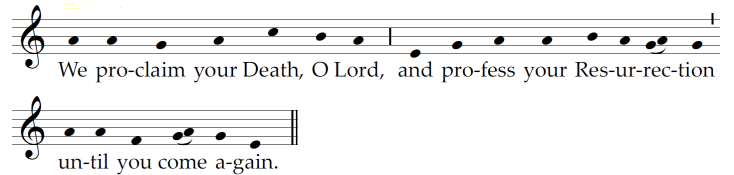
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