



CHRISTMAS DAY

II VESPERS

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
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### INTRODUCTION

V. O God, ✠ come to my assistance

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Alleluia!

### HYMN

#### WHAT CHILD IS THIS



1. What child is this, who laid to rest, On
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where



1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
2. ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for



1. an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
2. sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.



*Refrain*  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and



an - gels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The



babe, the son of Ma - ry.

PSALMODY

**Ant. 1** You have been endowed from your birth with princely gifts; in eternal splendour, before the dawn of light on earth, I have begotten you.

Psalm 109, 1-5, 7

**T**HE LORD'S REVELATION TO MY MASTER: †  
"Sit on my right: \*  
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

The Lord will wield from Zion †  
your sceptre of power: \*  
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth †  
on the holy mountains; \*  
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †  
"You are a priest for ever, \*  
a priest like Melchizedeck of old."

The Master standing at your right hand \*  
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside \*  
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** You have been endowed from your birth with princely gifts; in eternal splendour, before the dawn of light on earth, I have begotten you.

**Ant. 2** With the Lord is unfailing love; great is his power to save.

Psalm 130  
A cry from the depths

**O**UT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD, \*  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive \*  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, \*  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness: \*  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, \*  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord \*  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak \*  
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy \*  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem \*  
from all its iniquity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** With the Lord is unfailing love; great is his power to save.

**Ant. 3** In the beginning, before time began, the Word was God; today he is born, the Saviour of the world.

**Canticle: Colossians 1:12-20**

**L**ET US GIVE THANKS TO THE FATHER \*  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints \*  
in light.

He rescued us \*  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us \*  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \*  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, \*  
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him; \*  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is. \*  
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! \*  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead, \*  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him \*  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens, \*  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

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**READING**

**I John 1, 1-3**

**T**HIS IS WHAT WE PROCLAIM TO YOU:  
what was from the beginning,  
what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
what we looked upon  
and our hands have touched—  
we speak of the word of life.  
(This life became visible;  
we have seen it and bear witness to it  
and proclaim to you the eternal life  
that was with the Father  
and became visible to us.)  
What we have seen and heard  
we proclaim in turn to you  
so that you may share life with us.  
This fellowship of ours is with the Father  
and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

**RESPONSORY**

**V.** The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

**R.** The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

**V.** He lived among us.

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**V.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**R.** The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

**MAGNIFICAT**

**Ant.** Christ the Lord is born today; today, the Saviour has appeared.  
Earth echoes songs of angel choirs, archangels' joyful praise. Today  
on earth his friends exult: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

**Canticle of Mary**

**Luke 1, 46 - 55**

# MAGNIFICAT ✠ ánima mea Dóminum,

Et exultávit spíritus meus \*  
in Deo salutári meo

Quia respéxit humilitátem ancillæ suæ: \*  
ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: \*  
et sanctum nomen eius,

Et misericórdia eius a progénie in progénies \*  
timéntibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam in bráccchio suo: \*  
dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui,

Depósuit poténtes de sede, \*  
et exaltávit húmiles,

Esuriéntes implévit bonis: \*  
et dívites dimísit inanes.

Suscépit Israël púerum suum, \*  
recordátus misericórdiæ suæ,

Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros, \*  
Abraham et sémini eius in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, \*  
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.

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## INTERCESSIONS

**A**T THE BIRTH of Jesus, angels proclaimed peace to the world. We  
worship him now with joy, and we pray with hearts full of faith:  
**R.** May your birth bring peace to all.

Lord, fill your holy people with whatever good they need, let the mystery of your birth be the source of our peace.

*R.* May your birth bring peace to all.

You came as chief shepherd and guardian of our lives, let the pope and bishops be faithful channels of your many gifts of grace.

*R.* May your birth bring peace to all.

King from all eternity, you desired to be born within time and to experience the day-to-day life of men and women, share your gift of unending life with us, weak people doomed to death.

*R.* May your birth bring peace to all.

Awaited from the beginning of the world, you came only in the fullness of time, now reveal your presence to those who are expecting you.

*R.* May your birth bring peace to all.

You became one of us and gave new life to our human condition in the grip of death, now give the fullness of life to all who have died.

*R.* May your birth bring peace to all.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P**RÆCEPTIS salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere: Pater Noster...

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

**O** GOD, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*R.* Amen.

#### DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people and continues with Benediction:*

*V.* May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life

*R.* Amen

*V.* Let us bless the Lord

*R.* Thanks be to God