

The Sunday in the Octave of Christmass

Introit

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When as all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: Thine almighty word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.

Ps. 93 The Lord is King and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

ALMIGHTY everlasting God, direct our actions according to thy good pleasure: that in the name of thy well-beloved Son we may be made worthy to abound in good works: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY 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.



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THE EPISTLE
Galatians iv, 1

BRETHREN, so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be Lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

GRADUAL
Ps 45

THOU art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips. V/. My heart is inditing of a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made unto the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
Alleluia, Alleluia. The Lord is King and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew i, 18

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.) Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

OFFERTORY
Ps 93

GOD hath made the round world so sure that it cannot be moved: ever since the world began hath Thy seat, O God, been prepared, Thou art from everlasting.

SECRET

GRANT, we beseech Thee, almighty God: that the gift which we offer in thy sight of Thy majesty, may obtain for us both the grace of godly devotion and effectually assure us of heavenly felicity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

COMMUNION
S Matt 2

TAKE the young Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life.

POST COMMUNION

OLORD, by the operation of these mysteries, may our sins be purged away and our right desires be fulfilled. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, almighty God: that as He who was born this day the Saviour of the world is the author of our heavenly birth; so he may likewise bestow on us the gift of everlasting life: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.