

Christmass Day



The INTROIT

Is. ix *Puer natus est*

UNTO 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 mighty counsel.
Ps 98. O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things. 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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The COLLECT.

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.

¶ This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.

The Lesson from the Epistle to the Hebrews i. 1.

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

GRADUAL and ALLELUIA (*Ps 98.*)

ALL the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

The Lord hath declared his salvation: in the sight of the heathen hath he openly shewed his righteousness.

ALLELUIA, Alleluia. A hallowed day hath dawned upon the earth: come, ye nations, and worship the Lord: for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel. St. John i. 1.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will or man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

OFFERTORY *Ps 89.*

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.

SECRET

SANCTIFY, O Lord, by the new Birth of thine only-begotten Son, the gifts which we offer: and cleanse us from the defilements of our iniquities. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

COMMUNION *Ps 98.*

ALL the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

POSTCOMMUNION

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, one God, world without end. Amen