

The Circumcision of Christ, and Octave of the Nativity

January 1st

INTROIT

Puer natus est (Isaiah 9)

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. (Psalm 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. 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.

THE COLLECT

ALNIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man: grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will. Through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2.

BRETHREN: God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus (Here genuflect) every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.



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GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

(Psalm 98)

ALL the ends of the world 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.

(Hebrews 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. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2.15-21

AT that time: it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the Angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Creed is said.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 89

THE heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the foundations of the round world, and all that therein is: righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

SECRET

WE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept these our prayers and oblations: that we being cleansed by these heavenly mysteries, may obtain of thy great mercy the fulfillment of all our desires. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

PREFACE AND CANON Of Christmas

COMMUNION

Psalm 98

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

POSTCOMMUNION

GRANT, O Lord, that this holy Communion may cleanse us from every guilty stain: and at the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, may be our healing unto life eternal. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.