

The Nativity of Our Lord

(The Second Mass of Christmas: Mass at Dawn)

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The Ancient Faith for the Contemporary World

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Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

The three Christmas Masses place before us a majestic picture: the touching description of the birth of Jesus as man alternates with the sublime one of the eternal birth of the Word in the bosom of the Father; and there are also allusions to Christ's birth in our souls by grace. However, this three-fold birth is but one single manifestation of God who is Charity [Divine Love]. No one on earth could know God's love; but the Word, who is in the bosom of the Father, knows it and can reveal it to us. The Word was made flesh and has shown to us the love of God. Through the Word, God's incomprehensible, invisible charity is made manifest and tangible in the sweet little Babe, who from the manger holds out His arms to us. This "Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger" is our God, who, for us, has made Himself visible: our God, who shows us in the most concrete way His infinite charity. One cannot contemplate little Jesus without being captivated and enraptured by the infinite love which has given Him to us. The Infant Jesus reveals to us God's love, He manifests it in the clearest, most touching way. S. Paul says in the Epistle of the Third Mass (Hebrews 1:1-12): "God, in these days hath spoken to us by His Son... the brightness of His glory, and the figure of His substance." Jesus, the Incarnate Word, in His silence as a helpless Child, speaks to us and reveals to us the substance of God: His charity.

*- Adapted from Father Gabriel of S. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D.,
Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life
for Every Day of the Liturgical Year, p. 84.*

CELEBRANT

The Rev'd Dr Walter Hannam,
Vicar, S. Bartholomew's

Low Mass

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE ENTRANCE RITES

*THE CELEBRANT APPROACHES THE ALTAR AND MAKES HIS PREPARATION
WITH THE SERVER. LET US RECOLLECT THE GREAT MYSTERY
IN WHICH WE ARE ABOUT TO PARTICIPATE.*

CELEBRANT: Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

Introit — *Lux fulgebit* (PLEASE KNEEL)

Isaiah 9

✠ Light shall shine to-day upon us: for unto us the Lord
is born: and his Name shall be called Wonderful,
Mighty God, the Prince of peace, Father of the world
to come: of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

℣ 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.*

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison. *Kyrie eleison.* Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. *Christe eleison.*
Kyrie eleison. *Kyrie eleison.* Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in Excelsis *(PLEASE STAND)*

CELEBRANT: Glory be to God on high,

ALL: and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art ✠ most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *(PLEASE KNEEL)*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that as thou hast poured forth upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; so he, who doth illuminate our hearts by faith, may likewise in all our works shew forth his brightness. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who now devoutly keep the feast of the blessed Martyr Saint Anastasia, may by her effectual intercession find favour in thy sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Titus 3:4 *(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to Titus, beginning at the fourth verse.

DEARLY beloved: The kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man hath appeared: not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour: that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Gradual — *Benedictus*

Psalm 118

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light.
This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Alleluia — *Dominus regnavit*

Psalm 93

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: S. Luke 2:15 (*PLEASE STAND*)

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter
of the Gospel according to S. Luke, beginning
at the fifteenth verse.

℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: 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.

℞ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Creed

CELEBRANT: I believe in one God

ALL: the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God;
Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father;
Through whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,

(ALL KNEEL) And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, *(ALL RISE)*
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the ✠ Life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

OFFERTORY

✠ The Lord be with you.
✠ And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

Offertory Antiphon — *Deus enim* (*CELEBRANT*)

Psalm 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.

Orate Fratres (*CELEBRANT*) (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours,
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

PEOPLE: The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit,
and that of all his holy Church.

Secrets (Prayers over the Gifts)

WE pray thee, O Lord, that these our oblations may be
worthy of the mysteries which we celebrate on the
Birth of thy Son, and may evermore shed forth thy peace
within our hearts: that, even as he who was born in the
sunstance of our manhood did shew forth therein the glory
of the Godhead, so we, in these thy earthly creatures, may be
made partakers of that which is heavenly. Through the same

Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept our oblations: that by the merits and intercession of thy blessed Martyr, Saint Anastasia, they may be profitable to the advancement of our salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church *(CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)*

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

ALmighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

WE beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Andrew our Bishop, that

they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, † and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

AND we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. †

WE ✠ remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: † and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

GRANT this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

R̄ Amen.

† *HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.*

Confession and Absolution

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament

to your comfort; and make your humble confession
to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God,

ALL: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and confess
our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed,
Against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent,
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter
Serve and please thee In newness of life,
To the honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance
and true faith turn unto him:
Have mercy upon you;
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
℞ Amen.

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface

- ℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.
℣ Lift up your hearts.
℟ We lift them up unto the Lord.
℣ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
℟ It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, Everlasting God,
Creator and Preserver of all things.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to
be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of
the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the
Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to
make us clean from all sin.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus *(ALL)*

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

BLESSED ✠ is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.



CANON OF THE MASS

(CELEBRANT)

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

HEAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

WHO, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat;

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU:
Do this in remembrance of me."

LIKEWISE after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and

glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

AND we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and ✠ heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

℞ Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say,

Our Father,

ALL: Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction and Pax

✠ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
✠ And with thy spirit.

The Prayer of Humble Access

CELEBRANT: We do not presume

ALL: to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
Trusting in our own righteousness,
But in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
Whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood,
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,
And our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
And that we may evermore dwell in him,
And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communion Antiphon — *Exulta filia* (CELEBRANT) *Zechariah 9*

Rejoice, greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
behold, thy king cometh unto thee, he is just, and having salvation.

*THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.*

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Collects

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

OLORD, who by thy wondrous Birth hast put off from us
the old nature of our manhood: grant, we beseech thee,
that by this new Sacrament of thy Nativity we may ever be
inwardly renewed in our souls. Who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

OLORD, who hast vouchsafed to feed us thy household with thy heavenly gifts: mercifully grant that we, who celebrate the feast of thy blessed Martyr Anastasia, may at all times be comforted by her intercession. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Blessing *(CELEBRANT)*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

℟ Amen.

Dismissal *(PLEASE STAND)*

∞ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

∞ Depart in peace:

℟ Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel: John 1:1 *(PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)*

∞ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 of man, but of God. *(ALL KNEEL)* AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH *(ALL RISE)*, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

℞ Thanks be to God.

