

**St. Benedict Parish
Christmas Vigil
Mass Hymn sheet**

Gathering Hymn

#82 Angles We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be Which inspire you heav'nly song.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
4. See him in a manger laid Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: Trad. French carol.

Responsorial Psalm

**PSALM 96: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS):
AT THE MASS DURING THE NIGHT, ALL YEARS**



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Gospel Acclamation

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Preparation Hymn

#77 Silent Night

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Irregular; Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; English tr. by John F. Young, 1820–1885;
Spanish tr. of verse 1 by Federico Fliedner, 1845–1901. Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787–1863.

Communion Hymn

108 The First Noel

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English carol, 17th cent.

Recessional Hymn

#88 Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98:4–9; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759; adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792–1872, alt.

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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. .