

**St. Benedict Parish
Holy Family
Mass Hymn sheet**

Gathering Hymn

#103 Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden In whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all should be Kind, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feels for all our sadness, And he shares in all our gladness.

Text: 87 87 77; Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895, alt. Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 84: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR C



℟. [Bless - ed are they,] bless - ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VI



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Preparation Hymn

#101 The Snow Lay on the Ground

1. The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.
Veníte, adorémus Dóminum, Veníte, adorémus Dóminum.

Refrain

Veníte, adorémus Dóminum, Veníte, adorémus Dóminum.

2. 'Twas Mary, Virgin pure of holy Anne,
That brought into this world the God made man.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem; The ass and oxen shared the roof with them.
3. Saint Joseph, too was near to tend the child;
To guard him and protect his mother mild:
The angels hover'd 'round, and sang this song: Veníte, adorémus Dóminum.
4. And thus that manger poor became a throne;
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heav'nly host, To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: 10 10 10 10 with refrain; based on Isaiah 7:14; 19th cent.; anon. Music: Trad. melody; adapt. in Catholic Hymns, Albany, New York, 1860.

Communion Hymn

#87 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893, alt. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908.

Recessional Hymn

#88 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

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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. .