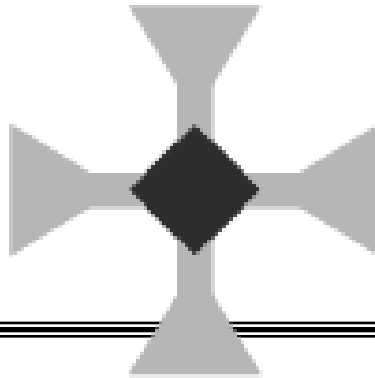
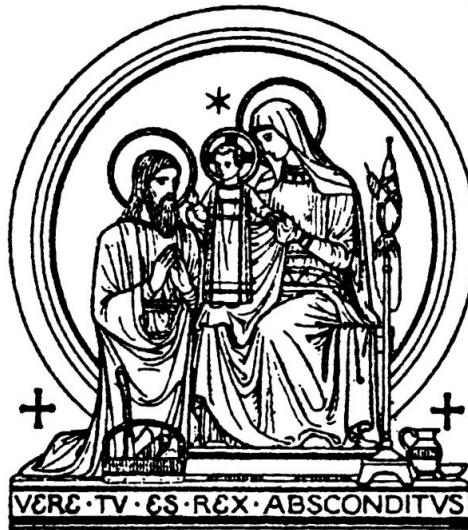


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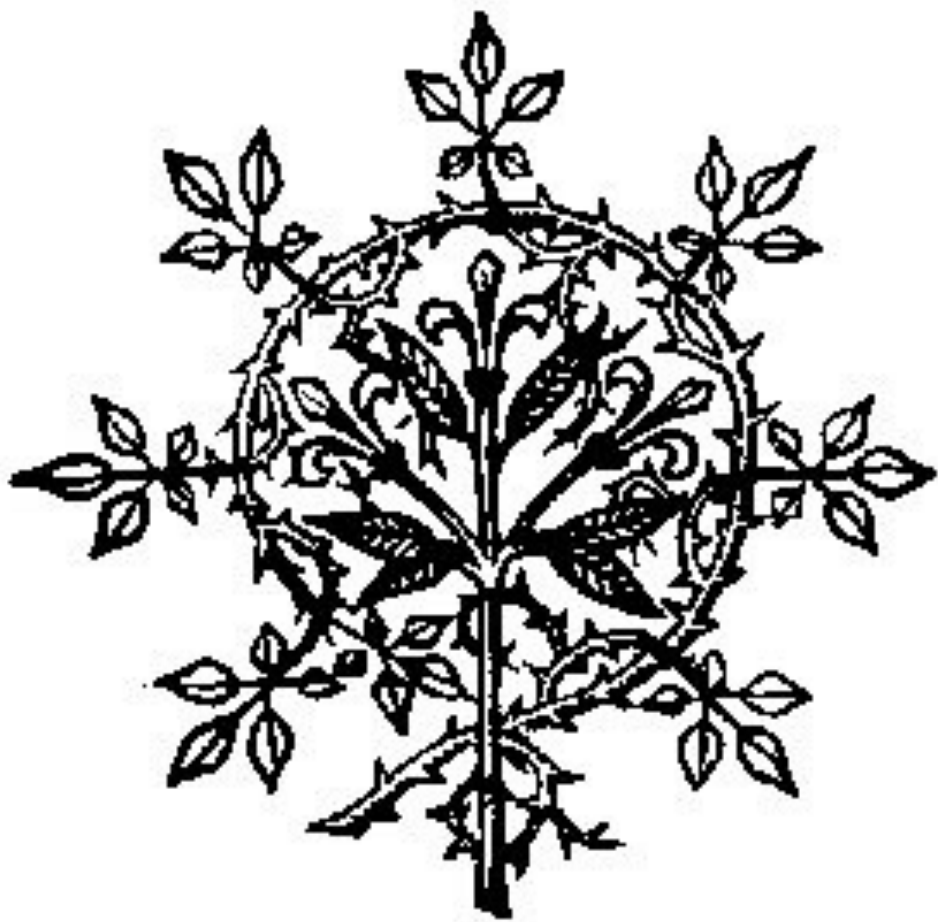
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 28 & 29, 2024

† 5:00 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. † 6 p.m.



*St. Stephen's Catholic Community † Anoka, MN*



*Welcome to St. Stephen's Catholic Community!*

*We are so glad you are here to worship with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Upon the conclusion of Mass, please return your worship aid to one of the entrances of the church. Thank you!*

## **Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations**

O God, we earnestly ask you to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons.

Obtain for us many more.

*Amen.*

*The Mass is made up of two parts:*

*The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration.*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

### Entrance Song

### Once In Royal David's City



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
3. And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re -



1. cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by  
2. Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble  
3. deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle



1. in a man - ger for his bed. Ma - ry was that  
2. and his cra - dle was a stall. With the poor and  
3. is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he leads his



1. moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle Child.  
2. meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
3. chil - dren on to the place where he has gone.

## Gloria

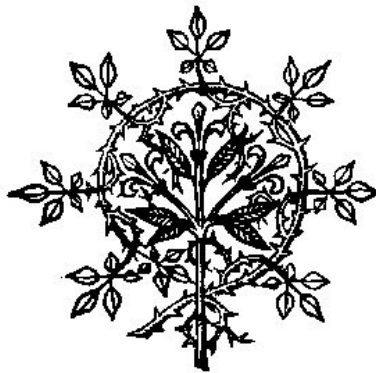
One of the oldest texts of the Mass, the Gloria glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on  
earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we  
bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we  
give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,  
heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.  
*Choir (Cong. ad lib.):*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;  
you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have  
mer - cy on us.

*All:*

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the  
 Fa - ther. A - men.

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## Collect

*The Collect is made up of three parts:*

1. *The invitation ("Let us Pray").*
2. *Silent prayer by all gathered.*
3. *The formal prayer proclaimed by the priest, which "collects" the individual prayers of the people and offers them to God.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*In the readings God speaks to His people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through His word in the midst of the faithful.*

### Reading I

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**All respond:** *Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128



Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who  
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

*Response: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

**Reading II**

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

*A reading from the first letter of St. John*

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*All respond: Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Please Stand.*

*We welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel. During this time, we stand and face the ambo as a special reverence for the Gospel of Christ. The "Alleluia" is sung in every time of year, except Lent.*





## **Gospel**

Luke 2:41-52

*This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, which is why we stand for the reading, the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels and proclaims the reading, and there is often*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***All respond: And with your spirit.***

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

***All respond: Glory to You, O Lord.***

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***All respond: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## **Homily**

*Please be seated.*

## **Profession of Faith**

*The whole people respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings and explained in the homily, and honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*(bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man *(stand upright)*.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Universal Prayer**

***Response:*** *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

*We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*A collection is taken for our parish during the Preparation of Gifts.  
Every second Sunday of the month, St. Stephen's takes a second collection to support  
various charitable and advocacy organizations.*

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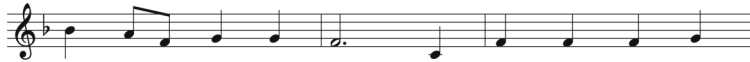


## Preparation of Gifts

## We Three Kings



1. Come, sing a home and fam - i - ly In  
2. At Mar - y's ta - ble Je - sus learned To  
3. By Jo - seph's side young Je - sus learned To  
4. What - ev - er form our fam - 'ly takes, The



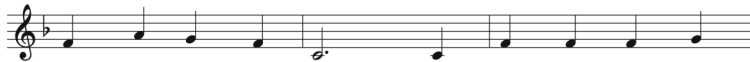
Naz - a - reth of old, Whose hum - ble grace a  
bless, give thanks, and eat, To wel - come all as  
work and read and pray, The law and love of  
gos - pel way we seek: To feed the hun - gry,



no - ble place In Chris - tian life now holds: A  
hon - ored guests By wash - ing wea - ry feet. Her  
God a - bove Placed in his heart to stay. While  
heal the sick, Lift up the poor and weak. In



maid - en's ho - ly, vi - brant faith, Which  
sweep - ing floors and light - ing lamps, Her  
cra - dled by the car - pen - ter, The  
dai - ly life and sim - ple tasks Our



said, "Let it be done!" A dream - er who risked  
knead - ing bread with leav'n, Her jour - neys to the  
boy came to dis - cern That prod - i - gal, for -  
song must nev - er cease Of dream - ing work - er,



life and limb Pro - tect - ing God's own Son.  
well fore - told To Christ the reign of heav'n.  
giv - ing arms A - wait a child's re - turn.  
maid - en bold, And child of last - ing peace.

## Invitation to Prayer

*Please Stand.*

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All respond:** *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and  
glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*This is the center and high point of the entire Mass. This prayer requires that all listen to  
it with reverence and in silence.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All respond:** *And with your spirit.*

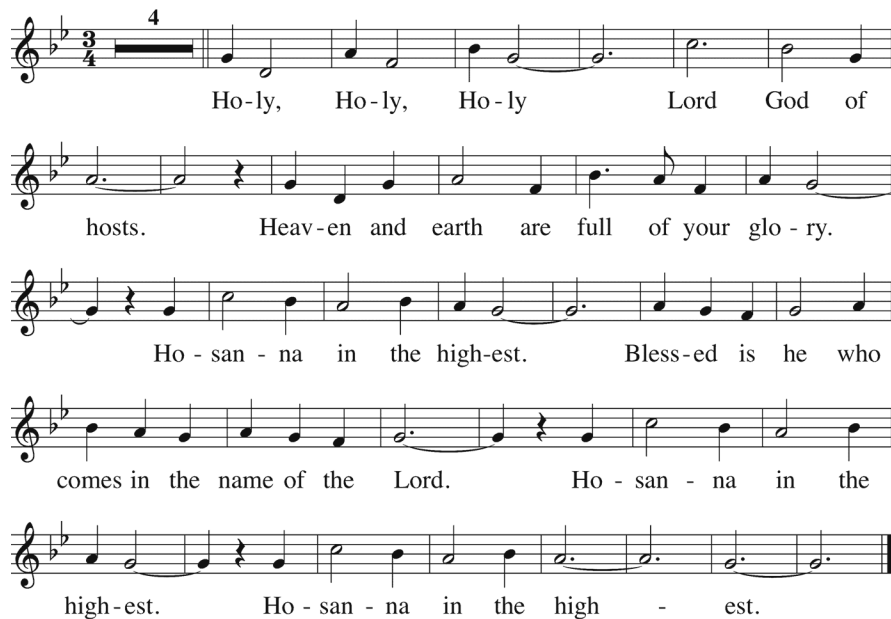
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

**All respond:** *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All respond:** *It is right and just.*

## Preface Acclamation



4  
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the  
high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Please Kneel.*

*Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiclesis; bells are rung once at this point); the words of Christ at the Last Supper are prayed; Christ's perpetual sacrifice on the cross is remembered; and prayers are made for the Church, the world, and all the people, living and dead.*

### **Memorial Acclamation**



Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain."

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur -  
rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

### **Amen**

*This "Amen" is affirmation, our statement of "I believe", to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.*



Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a long note on the final 'men' of each phrase. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men."

A - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

*Please Stand.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant:** ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All respond:** *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.*

## Lamb of God

*The priest puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation.*

*Cantor:*

*Assembly:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

*To repeat*

world, have mer - cy on us.

*Last time*

world, grant us peace.

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All respond:** *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

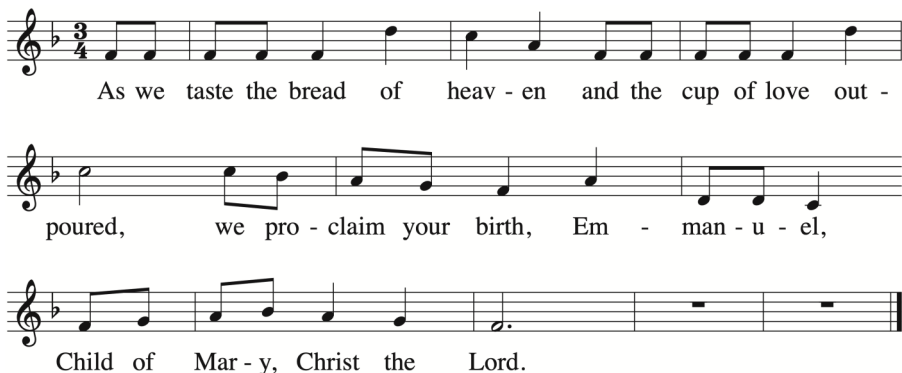


## Communion

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal the desire to receive a blessing.

## Communion Song

## The Table of Emmanuel



As we taste the bread of heav - en and the cup of love out -  
poured, we pro - claim your birth, Em - man - u - el,  
Child of Mar - y, Christ the Lord.

### Verses

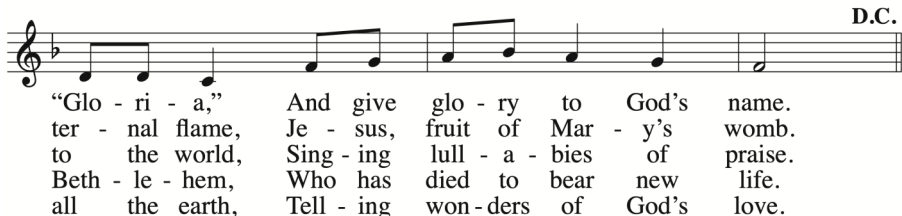


*Cantor:*

1. The House of Bread re - joic - es, Sing - ing
2. On those who walk in dark - ness, Those who
3. Be - hold the Vir - gin Moth - er, As she
4. This ban - quet of God's good - ness Now re -
5. So let us join our voic - es With the



heav - en's great re - frain. Let us join them in their  
dwell in lands of gloom, Shines the light of love's e -  
casts her lov - ing gaze On the love she bears in -  
veals the love of Christ: Child of heav - en, child of  
an - gels high a - bove In their hymn of praise through



**D.C.**  
"Glo - ri - a," And give glo - ry to God's name.  
ter - nal flame, Je - sus, fruit of Mar - y's womb.  
to the world, Sing - ing lull - a - bies of praise.  
Beth - le - hem, Who has died to bear new life.  
all the earth, Tell - ing won - ders of God's love.



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,



1. Of Jes-se's lin - eage com - ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry-where;

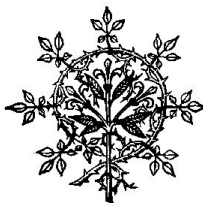


1. It came, a flow - er bright, A - mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and



1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.  
 Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599.



### Prayer after Communion

*Concluding the prayer of the People of God and the whole Communion Rite, the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated, The people make this prayer their own when they acclaim "amen."*



# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Blessing

*Transformed by the power of the Liturgy, we are sent out to seek, love, and serve Jesus Christ through those we meet outside of Mass.*

## Dismissal

## Closing song

## Angels We Have Heard On High

Verses

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. An - gels we have heard on high       | Sweet - ly sing - ing |
| 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? | Why your joy - ous    |
| 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see       | Him whose birth the   |
| 4. See him in a man - ger laid           | Whom the an - gels    |

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 1. o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply   | Ech - o     |
| 2. strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be  | Which in -  |
| 3. an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee    | Christ, the |
| 4. praise a - bove; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, | While we    |

- |                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. back their joy - ous strains. |                   |
| 2. spire your                    | heav'n - ly song? |
| 3. Lord, the new - born King.    |                   |
| 4. raise our                     | hearts in love.   |

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! De - o!

Final

De - o! In ex - cel - sis De - o!



## Mary, Mother of God Masses

Tuesday December 31, 2024 -7:00pm Vigil

Wednesday January 1, 2025 - 8:30am, 10:30 am,  
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