

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

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*Guide Our Feet
In a Path of Peace*

Christmas Eve - Christmas Season

Christmas Carols [*Sung by All*]

Welcome & Announcements followed by *Moment of Silence*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Song

Kyrie

Jesus, God's Word made flesh, we have not silenced the noise within ourselves to welcome You within.

[R] Help us to open ourselves to You.

Jesus the Christ, we have not nurtured the seeds of life you planted in our souls.

[R] Help us to grow into the fullness of humanity.

Jesus, God-With-Us, we have feared Your mysterious presence in us and failed to birth You in the world.

[R] Help us embody Your presence for the good of all.

May the Silent One, whose Word is born in us tonight, forgive our reluctance to dwell in the Great Mystery of Life, and empower us to bear good tidings in troubled times. **Amen.**

Gloria – [*Sung*] **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Opening Prayer

First Reading

Psalm 122, Lk 1:76 **[R] Guide our feet in a path of peace.**

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation – **[R] Gloria in excelsis Deo.** [*Repeated*]

Gospel

God is with you. [R] *And also with you.*
A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
[R] *Glory to You, O God.*

The Gospel of our God.
[R] *Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory Song

Presentation of the Gifts

Preparation of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

[R] *Blessed be God forever.*

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

[R] *Blessed be God forever.*

Pray that our gifts move us into the mystery and silence of this holy night.

[R] *Speak Your silent Presence in and among us.*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you.

[R] *And also in You.*

Come to the table with thankful hearts.

[R] *We open our hearts to God and to one another.*

Let us give thanks to the Great Mystery.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born the Messiah of Israel. [Sung by All]

Presider

Sacred Mystery, we give You thanks. In the holy darkness of this night, Your light is born. Draw us into You as You are birthed in us. Release in us the joy of the season of silence from which we are born, and the mystery into which we live. Release in us the joy of this Silent Night.

Voice 1

God of Darkness, God of Light, let the clarity of Your vision for the world take hold of us. Help us to enter Your world anew. Pour out Your love on us and all creation. In trust and thanksgiving, we embrace Your nurturing darkness and turn toward the light of Your love as we join with all creation in unending praise:

Sanctus [Sung]

Tompkins

Wholly, wholly, holy God. God of wonder God of awe.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in the name of God.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Voice 2

Sacred Mystery, You reveal yourself in Jesus' birth. In Jesus, we see the fullness of human possibility. In Jesus, we see You, Your Creative Word, the Breath of Life and Wisdom, come to expression in human form. In Jesus, hope is born.

Voice 3

We acknowledge Your birth in this human child, Jesus, born of a woman called Mary, in a town called Bethlehem. We know this birth is a sign to us and to all the world of Your sacred presence in all humanity and all creation, calling us to kinship and peace

Voice 4

We give thanks for Jesus, Your Divine Wisdom, who reveals the sacred in the ordinary: in all people, in everyday life, in the human yearning to be better people and in calling us to walk in a path of peace.

Voice 5

We rejoice in Jesus who taught us that we live in You, and that You are birthed in us and through us. Jesus fed his disciples Your bread of Life that they might become Life for the world. Feed us, Your disciples gathered this holy night, that we may become Life for the world.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born the Messiah of Israel. [Sung by All]

[Please extend your hand, palm up, toward the bread and wine.]

Presider

And so God of Love, we praise You through Jesus. We recognize Your Spirit alive and at work in this bread and wine, and in us. We open ourselves to Your Spirit who sanctifies and transforms these gifts to become You in us, the body and blood of Christ, as we now fulfill Your command of love. We remember that...

All:

...on the night before Jesus died, while at supper with his friends, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them saying: "Take this, all of you and eat. This is my body. Do this in memory of me."

[Pause]

In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with wine. He gave You thanks, and gave the cup to his friends, saying: "Take this all of you and drink. This is my blood, the new covenant of God-with-you. Do this in memory of me."

Presider

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born the Messiah of Israel [Sung by All]

Voice 6

Holy Love, as we celebrate now, we remember the birth of Jesus, Your Messiah. We know how much You loved him and how much You love us. We know the depths of his love for us. His life and death are a parable of love and service, teaching us to pour out our lives for others and for Your creation.

Voice 7

We ask You to remember all religious leaders everywhere. Remember Your people gathered here, and Your people everywhere throughout the world. Remember all who seek You with a sincere heart. Remember all who have died and all those who have entered into the mystery of Your eternal embrace. In Your goodness, may we experience Your life-giving presence in the company of all Your holy ones.

Presider

On this silent and holy night, we embrace the mystery that, as You were born in Jesus, You are born in us. We are mindful of Your call to live generously and faithfully. Make us bearers of forgiveness, hope, understanding, and Your good news. We open ourselves to allow Your Spirit of generous love, expressed in Jesus, to enter into our lives, as we seek to enter more deeply into You. Together with the saints of old and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows, we sing of Your glory.

Great Amen

Through Christ, may all creation unfold. With Christ, may all creation be one. In Christ, may all divisions be healed. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, may all glory and honor be Yours, forever and ever.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born the Messiah of Israel [Sung by All]

The Prayer of Jesus [*Sung*] *Music -Kosits/Words- Unknown*
Loving God, in whom is heaven,
May your name be honored everywhere.
May Your kin-dom come, may your heart's desire,
Be done in us, by us, and through us.
Give us the bread we need for each day.
Forgive us, enable us to forgive others.
And keep us from all....anxiety and fear;
For you reign in the pow'r of love....which is your glory
Forever and ever. Amen.

The Sign of Peace

Lamb of God [*Sung*] *Tompkins*
Lamb of God, you call us to live in expectant hope.
Lamb of God, you call us to witness to your love.
Lamb of God, you call us you to wonder...
at God made present among us.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Presider

We are born of God's Dazzling Silence and into God's Holy
Mystery. We are called to birth God in the world.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born the Messiah of Israel. [Sung by All]

Communion Song & Meditation

Prayer after Communion

Closing Blessing

Closing Song

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