

Christmas Octave 2020

As the procession enters the church (Sixth Day of the Octave):

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold;
'Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not
the love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when the new heaven and earth shall own
the prince of peace their king,
and all the world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

E H Sears (1810-76)

As the procession enters the church (Seventh Day of the Octave):

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.

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 Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honour and obey,
love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

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 feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-95)

Kyrie

The common of the Mass is taken from the missae Orbis Factor and De Angelis

Ky-ri-e e - lei-son. Ky-ri-e e - lei-son.
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Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. A - men.

Liturgy of the Word

The reading is taken from the first letter of Saint John; on the Sixth Day (2:12-17): Observance of the will of God; on the Seventh Day (2:18-21): You have been anointed by the Holy One.

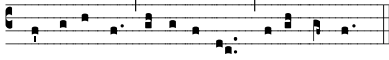
The word of the Lord.

Amen.

The responsorial is taken from Psalm 22(23); on the Sixth Day (7-10); on the Seventh Day (1-2.11-13):

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad.

The Gospel is taken, on the Sixth Day from Saint Luke (2:36-40): Anna speaks of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem; on the Seventh Day from Saint John (1:1-18): the Word was made flesh and lived among us.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Sixth Day:

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, worship the Lord,

for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Seventh Day:

The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.

To all who received him he gave power to become children of God.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

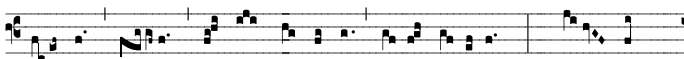
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

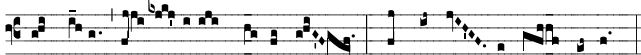
Sanctus



Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Ple-ni sunt



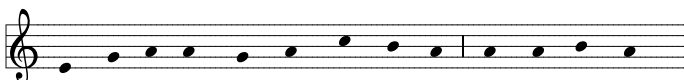
cae-li et ter-ra Glo-ri-a tua. Ho-sanna in ex-celsis. Benedictus



qui venit in nomine Domi-ni. Ho-sanna in ex-celsis.

Memorial Acclamation

The mystery of the Faith:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your



Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

Pater Noster

Præceptis salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:



Pater noster, qui es in caelis: sanctificetur nomen tuum; adveniat



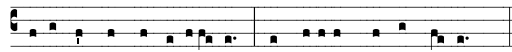
regnum tuum; fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra.



Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie; et dimitte nobis



debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris; et ne nos



inducas in tentationem; sed libera nos a malo.

Agnus Dei



A-gnus De-i qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.



Agnus De - i, qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.



A-gnus De-i qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem

The Communion antiphon; on the Sixth Day:

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

on the Seventh Day:

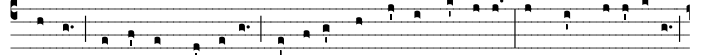
God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.

Marian Anthem

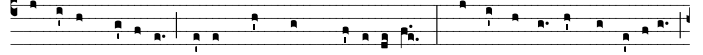
Mass is concluded with the Marian Anthem:



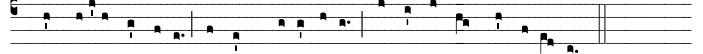
Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes, et stella



maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat populo: tu quae genuisti,



natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem: Virgo prius ac posterius,



Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.