We are still in the season of Christmas! The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and we reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.
Gloria – A Christmas Gloria

Verse 1
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God almighty Father.

Verse 2
Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  to refrain

Verse 3
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.  to refrain

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Scripture - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The Lord says “Here is my servant ... that he may bring true justice to the nations ... he does not cry or shout aloud ... Faithfully he brings true justice ... I the Lord have called you to serve the cause of right ...”

Responsorial - Psalm 29: The Lord Will Bless His People with Peace Louis Canter

The Lord will bless his people with peace, his people with peace.

1. Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise,
   Give to the Lord the glory due his name; adore the Lord in holy attire.

2. The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord, over vast waters.
   The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

3. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say “Glory!”
   The Lord is enthroned above the flood; the Lord is enthroned as king forever.

Second Scripture - Acts 10:34-38

God does not have favorites: his word is sent to the people of Israel, but Jesus Christ is the Lord of all ... because God is with him, Jesus goes about doing good and curing all who had fallen to the power of the devil.

Gospel Acclamation - Christmastime Alleluia James Chepponis

Verse: The heavens were opened, God’s voice was heard: “This is my Son, listen to him.”

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Gospel – *Matthew 3:13-17*

John baptizes Jesus – the heavens open and he sees the Spirit of God descend on him like a dove ... “this is my Son, the beloved: my favor rests on him.”

Nicene Creed

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, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. 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.

Prayer of the Faithful – *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts – Shall We Gather at the River

Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations – Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

AMEN

Amen, amen, amen!

Amen, amen, amen!


LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion – When John Baptized by Jordan’s River

RENDEZ A DIEU

1. When John baptized by Jordan’s river In faith and hope the people came.
2. There as the Lord, baptized and praying, Rose from the stream, the sinless one,
3. O Son of Man, our nature sharing, In whose obedience all are blest,

That John and Jordan might deliver Their troubled souls from sin and shame,
A voice was heard from heaven saying, “This is my own beloved Son.”
Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing, Hear us and grant us this request:

They came to seek a new beginning, The human spirit’s ageless quest,
There as the Father’s word was spoken, Not in the pow’r of wind and flame,
Daily to grow, by grace defended, Filled with the Spirit from above;

Repentance, and an end of sinning, Renouncing every wrong confessed.
But of his love and peace the token, Seen as a dove, the Spirit came.
In Christ baptized, beloved, be friended, Chilled with joy of God in peace and love.


Mission Forth – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
2. Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;

Manifested by the star, To the sages from afar;
And at Cana, wedding guest, In your Godhead manifest;

Branch of royal David’s stem, In your birth at Bethlehem;
Manfest in pow’r divine, Changing water into wine;

Anthem be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
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