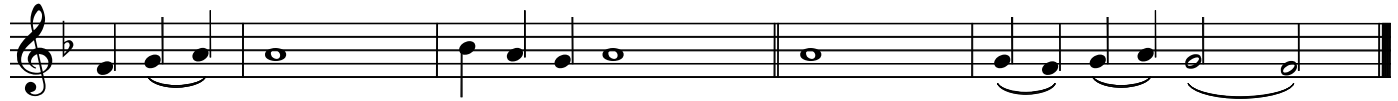


The Vigil of The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

December 24

The Introit: **Exodus 16, Psalm 24**

Tone I A



Antiphon:

1 In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who comes and saves us *
and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD.

Psalm:

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell there-in.

[7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."]

Gloria Patri:

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. A-men

Repeat Antiphon

The Collect

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

Old Testament: [Isaiah 62:1-12](#)

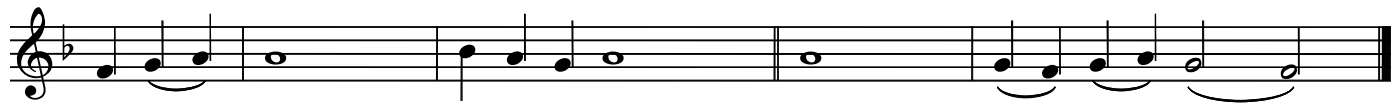
In those days Isaiah said: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the

peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

The Gradual Exodus 16:6, 7, Psalm 80

Antiphon

Tone I A



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and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD.

Psalm

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

The Epistle: Romans 1, 1-6

Brethren: Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring

about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

The Alleluia:



Tomorrow shall the iniquity of the earth be abolished, *
and the Savior of the world shall reign over us. Alleluia

The Gospel: **Matthew 1:18-21**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

The Offertory: **Psalm 24**

Tone I



7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

The Prayer over the Gifts:

Grant us Almighty God, that as we look forward to the Nativity of your Son, so may we joyfully receive his holy gifts, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Common Preface. *If on a Sunday* Of the Holy Trinity

The Communion: *Isaiah 40*



5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed *
and all mankind shall see the salvation of our God.

The Postcommunion:

Grant us, we pray you O Lord, that as we partake of the heavenly mystery of the Body and Blood of your only-begotten Son, so may we be renewed by the remembrance of his birth; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*