

The Second Liturgy at Dawn
With a commemoration of Saint Anastasia, Martyr

The Introit

Lux Fulgebit, Isaiah 9:2, 6. Psalm 93

Tone III



Antiphon:

- 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; *
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.
- 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; ↓
authority rests upon his shoulders; *
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Psalm.

- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- [2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began,
your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.]

Gloria Patri.

Glory 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. Amen

Antiphon:

The Collect

Grant we beseech you, Almighty God, that as you pour forth on us the new light of your incarnate Word; so he, who illumines our minds by faith, may also show forth his brightness in our works; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

[Grant we beseech you, Almighty God, that we who commemorate your blessed martyr Anastasia may know her to be our advocate with you; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*]

Old Testament: **Isaiah 7:10-15**

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, a virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

The Gradual

Psalm 118 Tone Va



26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
He has given us light.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Epistle: **Titus 3:4-7**

Beloved: But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Prayer over the Gifts:

O Lord, we pray that these gifts may be worthy of the mysteries of the Nativity of your Son and evermore give us peace: so that as he was born in our humanity and showed forth divinity, so shall we presenting these gifts of earth receive the things of heaven; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

[Receive our offerings O Lord, that by the prayers of your martyr, Blessed Anastasia, they may be profitable to the advancement our salvation; 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 Preface of the Nativity

Because by the mystery of the Word made flesh,
the light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind;
so that, while we acknowledge him to be God in visible form,
he may draw us to the love of things invisible.

Christmas Day Before the Pax Domini

Priest: May Almighty God, Who has made this day to be most sacred through the birth of His only Son, set His blessing upon you, and stir up within you a desire for Heavenly things.

People: Amen

Priest: May He, Who made the Bread of Angels [cradled in the manger of the faithful beasts], to become the Food of the Church, cause you to taste in this present life the sweetness of eternal joys, and lead you, in the world to come, to the fullness of your everlasting reward.

People: Amen

Priest: May He, Who willed the infant Christ to be clothed with the swaddling-bands of humility, clothe you Himself with the glorious garments of eternity.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The Communion: **Zechariah 9**

Tone I



9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! *
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; *
a triumphant and victorious saviour is he.

The Postcommunion:

O Lord, by the wondrous birth of your Son you have put away the old nature of our humanity: grant that by this sacrament of his Nativity we may be restored to newness of life; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

[O Lord, you have satisfied your family with sacred gifts; may we always be comforted by the prayers of her whose feast we celebrate; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*]