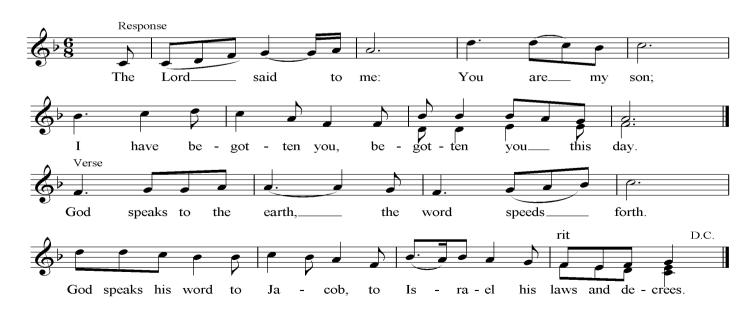
# Christmas 30<sup>th</sup> December: Feast of the Holy Family Morning Prayer with Mass



# Introit of Christmas



# Let us pray

We pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Syria and Iraq, Yemen and the Sudan,

And in all the countries where people's lives are threatened or taken from them by violence and war.

We pray for refugees,

and for a change of heart in those who use violence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

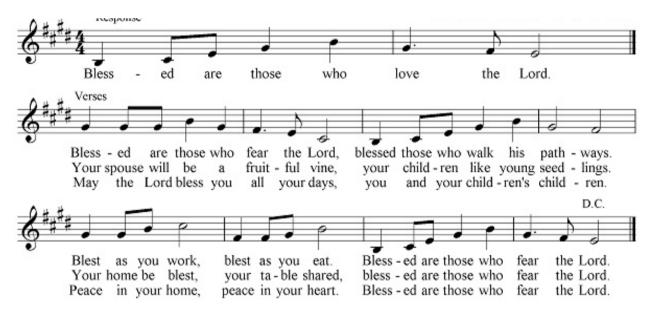
Amen.

O God, come to our aid:

O Lord, make haste to help us

Glory to the Father . . .

### Psalm 127



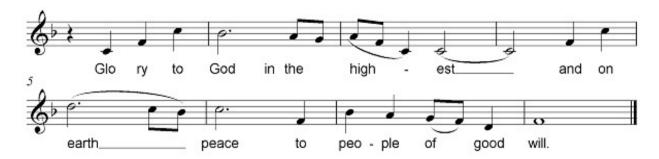
# We pause

God our Father, in the Holy Family of Nazareth you have given us the true model of a Christian home. Grant that by following Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their love for each other and in the example of their family life, we may come to your home of peace and joy. We make our prayer] through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

#### Amen.

We continue with the Gloria

# **Glory to God**



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. 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. 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

# Reading:

**Gospel Acclamation**: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I bring you news of great joy, today a Saviour has been born to us; Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel:.

#### Intercessions

The Son of the living God let himself become the son of a human family. Let us pray to him: – *Lord, you are our example and our saviour.* 

Jesus, eternal Word of the Father, you made yourself subordinate to Mary and Joseph: teach us humility. Lord, you are our example and our saviour.

You are our teacher; your mother treasured your actions and words in her heart: may we listen to your word and treasure it in pure and virtuous hearts. Lord, you are our example and our saviour. You, who shaped the world from nothingness, were known as the son of a shaper of wood: whatever we make, whatever we do, may we do it with proper care. Lord, you are our example and our saviour.

Jesus, in the heart of your family you grew up in favour with God and with men: may we grow up fully in you, for we are the body and you are our Head.

– Lord. you are our example and our saviour.

## We sing:

Mary the Dawn and Christ the Light of Day, Mary the Gate and Christ the Heav'nly Way, Mary the Root and Christ the Mystic Vine, Mary the Grape and Christ the Sacred Vine, Mary the Beacon, Christ the Haven's Rest, Mary the Mirror, Christ the Vision Blest.

Woman of love who Son of God conceived. Woman of faith, "blest since you have believed." Woman of sorrows, standing by the cross, woman of prayer with Church at Pentecost. Mother of Christ, our brother, friend and king! Mother of God, with you to God we sing!

Sanctus - Memorial - Doxology - Agnus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

### Communion:

This is the bread come down from heaven; whoever eats of it will never die. This is the cup of eternal life; whoever drinks of it will live for ever.

After communion a verse of the Benedictus

And you, my child, are favoured by the Most High: you shall be called a prophet of our God.
You shall go forth as herald from the Lord, and shall prepare the ways on which he comes.
You shall make known the wonders of salvation to everyone called chosen by the Lord.

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