Gathering Song

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Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly



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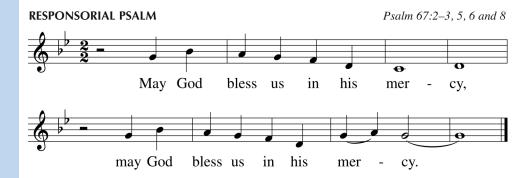
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First Reading - Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell hem: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Psalm



O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation. R.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples; you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him. R.

Second Reading - Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.



Gospel - Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Preparation of Gifts and Altar

Instrumental

Communion



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Communion

What Child Is This



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St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Sending Forth

Let There Be Peace on Earth





With

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

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With ev-'ry step I take, let this be my sol-emn vow:



take each mo-ment, and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter-nal - ly!



there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.