

## Gathering Song

### Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin Moth - er  
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at  
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to



un - de - filed. Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,  
Naz - a - reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry  
God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est Child of  
Love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the  
Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est Moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,  
bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word - made - flesh, our ver - y broth - er,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,  
And the Church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
Till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

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### First Reading - Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: 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

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8*



May God bless us in his mer - cy,



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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 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.

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



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come,



Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing, Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for  
peas - ant, king, to own him. The King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.



### 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

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

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

God our cre - a - tor, broth - ers  
 fam - 'ly all are we.

Let me walk with my broth-er  
 us each oth - er in per-fect har-mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo-ment now.

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

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

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