

# Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite Christmas Mass during the Day – December 25, 2009

“A Child is born to us, a son is given to us...”

**INTROIT** *Isaias 9. 6.* A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us: Whose government is upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called the Angel of great counsel. – (*Psalm 97. 1*). Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wondrous deeds. *V.* Glory be... – A Child is born to us . . .

**COLLECT** Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your Only-begotten Son as man may set us free, who are held by the old bondage under the yoke of sin. Through the same . . .

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 1. 1-12.* God, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, last of all in these days has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the world; Who, being the brightness of His glory and the image of His substance, and upholding all things by the word of His power, has effected man’s purgation from sin and taken His seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much superior to the angels as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels has He ever said, “You are My Son, I this day have begotten You?” and again, “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?” And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “And let all the angels of God adore Him.” And of the angels indeed He says, “He makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.” But of the Son, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and a scepter of equity is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved justice and hated iniquity; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows.” And, “You in the beginning, O Lord, did found the earth, and the heavens are works of Your hands. They shall perish, but You shall continue; and they shall all grow old as does a garment, and as a vesture shall You change them, and they shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail.”

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 97. 3. 4. 2.* All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to God, all you lands. *V.* The Lord has made His salvation known: in the sight of the nations He has revealed His justice

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* A sanctified day has shone upon us; come you nations and adore the Lord: for this day a great light has descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** *John. 1-14.* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made: in Him was life, and the life was the Light of men; and the Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to testify concerning the Light, that all might believe through Him. He was not the Light, but he was to testify concerning the Light. That was the true Light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him to them He gave power to become sons of God, to them that believe in His Name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.[*Here all kneel.*]

**And the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us: and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm 88. 12. 15.* Yours are the heavens, and Yours is the earth; the world and its fullness You have founded. Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne.

**SECRET** Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts offered to You, by the new birth of Your Only-begotten Son, and purify us from the stains of our sins. Through the same . . .

## Preface of Christmas

**COMMUNION** *Psalm 97. 3.* All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.

**POSTCOMMUNION** Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that as the Savior of the world, born on this day, is the Author of our divine regeneration, so He may also be for us the Giver of immortality. Who with You...