

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

*Or:*

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer  
saying alone:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*The people acclaim: Amen.*

### The Communion Rite

*Stand*

*The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:*  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.*

*Meanwhile the people say or sing:*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace. *Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*

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.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each  
communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers: Amen.*

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Jn 1: 12

**To all who would accept him,  
he gave the power to become children of God.**

**Prayer after Communion** *Stand*

Lord our God, we humbly ask you,  
that, through the working of this mystery,  
our offences may be cleansed  
and our just desires fulfilled.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made. Then:*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*  
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*  
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*  
Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**



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# THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

Second Sunday After The Nativity 4th January 2026

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** or a hymn *Stand*

Wis 18: 14-15

**When a profound silence covered all things  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
bounded from heaven's royal throne.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.*

*The people respond: And with your spirit.*

*The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

## Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance  
using one of the Penitential Acts.*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

*The Priest says the absolution. All reply:*  
**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**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.**

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
splendour of faithful souls,  
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your  
glory,  
and show yourself to all peoples by the  
radiance of your light.  
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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in  
the midst of her people. In the assembly of the  
Most High she will open her mouth, and in the  
presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the  
Creator of all things commanded me, and the  
one who created me gave my tent a resting  
place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in  
Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance."  
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the  
holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so  
I was established in Sion. In the beloved city  
likewise he gave me a resting place, and in  
Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in  
an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord,  
his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 147:12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R. John 1:14

**R. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**  
*or:*

**Alleluia.**

O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!  
O Sion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders;  
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth,  
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He reveals his word to Jacob;  
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his judgements. **R.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the  
Ephesians. Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly  
places, even as he chose us in him before  
the foundation of the world, that we should  
be holy and blameless before him. In love he  
predestined us for adoption to himself as sons  
through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose  
of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace,  
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your  
faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards  
all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for  
you, remembering you in my prayers, that the  
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and  
of revelation in the knowledge of him, having  
the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you  
may know what is the hope to which he has  
called you, what are the riches of his glorious  
inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Acclamation before the Gospel** *Stand*  
**Alleluia, alleluia.** Cf. 1 Timothy 3:16

**Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among  
the nations.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, believed in  
throughout the world.**  
**Alleluia.**

**Gospel** John 1:1-18

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
was with God, and the Word was God. He  
was in the beginning with God. All things were  
made through him, and without him was not  
any thing made that was made. In him was  
life, and the life was the light of men. The light  
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has  
not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name  
was John. He came as a witness, to bear  
witness about the light, that all might believe  
through him. He was not the light, but came to  
bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone,  
was coming into the world. He was in the  
world, and the world was made through him,  
yet the world did not know him. He came to  
his own, and his own people did not receive  
him. But to all who did receive him, who  
believed in his name, he gave the right to  
become children of God, who were born, not  
of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the  
will of man, but of God. And the Word became  
flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen  
his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from  
the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore  
witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he  
of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks  
before me, because he was before me."

For from his fullness we have all received,  
grace upon grace. For the law was given  
through Moses; grace and truth came through  
Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God;  
the only begotten God, who is at the Father's  
side, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** *Sit*

**The Nicene Creed** *Stand*

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*and by the Holy Spirit* *All bow*  
*was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,*  
*and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.  
*Or:*

**The Apostles' Creed**  
I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the* *All bow*  
*Holy Spirit,*  
*born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Prayer of the Faithful**  
*Response example:* Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*After the concluding prayer all say: Amen. Sit*

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
*The offerings are brought to the altar.*  
*A hymn may be sung. If the Priest says the two*  
*prayers of offering aloud, the response both*  
*times is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**  
*The people rise as the Priest says:*  
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.  
*The people reply:*  
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**  
Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make  
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,  
for by it you show us the way of truth  
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

*The Priest continues with the Preface and  
concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.** *Kneel*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the  
Priest says:*

The mystery of faith.  
*And the people continue, acclaiming one of the  
following:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**  
*Or:*