NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Mass during the Day
‘Proper’ of the Mass
Set to Gregorian Tones
With Organ Accompaniment
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INTROIT

1. A child is born for us,* 
a son / given to us;
2. dominion is laid on his shoulder,* 
and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor, / 
Prince of Peace.

1. Yours are the heavens, and yours is the earth; * 
the world and its fullness you have founded.
2. Justice and judgment * 
are the foundations of your throne.

COMMUNION

B All the ends of the earth have seen * 
the saving power of God.

OFFERTEYR

3. Sing to the Lord a new song,* 
because he has done wondrous deeds.

B 4. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,* 
and to the Holy Spirit.
5. As it was in the beginning, † 
is now and ever shall be,* 
world without end. Amen.

Repetition of the Introit Antiphon : *
A child is born for us, | a son / given to us ; | dominion is laid on his shoulder, | 
and he shall be called Wonderful- Counsellor, | Prince of Peace.

Organ accomp. for the repetition of the Introit.
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Modal Psalm Tone. Mode 5

INTROIT

A

1. A child is born for us, *
   a son / given to us ;
2. dominion is laid on his shoulder, *
   and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor, / Prince of Peace.

B

3. Sing to the Lord a new song, *
   because he has done wondrous deeds.
4. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
   and to the Holy Spirit.
5. As it was in the beginning, †
   is now and ever shall be, *
   world without end. Amen.
6. A child is born for us, *
   a son / given to us ;
7. dominion is laid on his shoulder, *
   and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor, / Prince of Peace.

OFFERTORY

1. Yours are the heavens, and yours is the earth ; *
   the world and its fullness you have founded.
2. Justice and judgment *
   are the foundations of your throne.

COMMUNION

B

All the ends of the earth have seen *
the saving pow’r of God.

NOTE

The modal psalm tone may be sung in unison with organ accompaniment, or SATB a cappella

POINTING:

1. One final accent: bold type
2. One or two preparatory syllables: italic type
3. Change of harmony in the middle of the recitation: underlined syllable
   Change of harmony affects only the organ accompaniment or the ATB parts.
   Change of harmony does not affect the melody line.

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INTROIT

6. A child is born for us, * a son giv’n to us; do- min- ion is laid on his shoul-der, and

he shall be called Won- der- ful, Coun- sel- lor, Prince of Peace.

PSALM 97 SATB or unison with organ accompaniment

1. Sing to the | Lord a new song.
   for he has done wondrous deeds;
   His right hand has won victory for him,
   his | holy arm. (R)

2. The Lord has made his sal- | vation known:
   in the sight of the nations he has revealed
   his justice.
   He has remembered his kindness and
   his faithfulness
   | toward the house of Israel. (R)

3. All the ends of the | earth have seen *
   the salvation by our God.
   Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
   break into | song; / sing praise. (R)

4. Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, *
   and to the Holy Spirit.
   As it was in the beginning, / is now, and ever shall be, *
   | world without end. Amen. (R)
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CHANT VERSE

6. Sing to the Lord a new song; tell his glory among the nations; * his wondrous deeds among all peoples.

GLORIA PATRI

6. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. * As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
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Responsorial Psalm: ABC

Viderunt omnes fines terrae.

Psalm 97: 3c

1. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving pow’r of God.

Verses

Psalm 97: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6

1. Sing to the Lord a new song,
   for he has done wondrous deeds;
   His right hand has won victory for him,
   his holy arm. (R)

2. The Lord has made his salvation known;
   in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
   He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
   toward the house of Israel. (R)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
   the salvation by our God.
   Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
   break into song: sing praise. (R)

4. Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
   with the harp and melodious song.
   With trumpets and the sound of the horn
   sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. (R)
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8. Alleluia.

Days sanctificatus.

A holy day has dawned upon us. *
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light *
has come upon the earth.

Years ABC: Verse

Dies sanctificatus.

A holy day has dawned upon us. * 
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light * 
has come upon the earth.
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8. Alleluia, alleluia.

Dies sanctificatus.
A holy day has dawned upon us.*
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light*
has come upon the earth.

Years ABC: Verse

Dies sanctificatus.
A holy day has dawned upon us.*
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
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OFFERTORY

5. Yours are the heav-ens, and yours is the earth; * the world and its fullness you have found-ed.

** Justice and judgment are the foun-da-tion of your throne.

Verse

5. Mighty are you, O Lord, and your faith-ful-ness surrounds you. Love and truth go be-fore

** Justice.
Viderunt omnes fines terrae.  

Psalm 97 : 3

5. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving pow-er of our God.

VERSES: Psalm 97

1. Sing to the Lord a new song,  
   for he has done wondrous deeds;  
   His right hand has won victory for him,  
   his holy arm. (R)

2. The Lord has made his salvation known:  
   in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
   He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
   toward the house of Israel. (R)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
   the salvation by our God.  
   Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;  
   break into song; sing praise. (R)

4. Let the rivers clap their hands,  
   the mountains shout with them for joy  
   Before the Lord, for he comes,  
   he will rule the world with justice. (R)