

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION FOR MIDNIGHT MASS

This proclamation may be used at the beginning of Midnight Mass. For parishes where there is a Service of Carols or the Office of Readings preceding the Mass, this may be suitable to conclude these Liturgies, leading into Mass.

In Parishes that will not celebrate any other Liturgy before the Mass at Midnight, this may be most appropriately sung to the simple preface tone in the Missal to immediately precede the Entrance Carol.

It is night, but the night that promises the dawn
and the light that drives away all darkness.
This night promises the end of the darkness
of sin and evil and death.

It is the night of peace,
for a child is born to us:
he is the prince of peace,
a child, but our mighty God.
If we let him live among us, we live in peace.

It is the night of joy.
Do away with all sadness,
for God is now with us, among us, in us:
Share your joy, make others happy,
for God's Son brings us life and happiness.

It is the night of giving birth:
Mary gives us Jesus, her Son, God's Son,
and from now on we can all give birth
to love and forgiveness among us.
With Jesus we can open our eyes and ears
to the needs of anyone who suffers.

It is the night of friendship,
for God makes us not only his friends
but his sons and daughters
and brothers and sisters of Jesus.
We belong together,
we are of the same flesh and blood.

Come, let's rejoice together
and walk together in love,
for Christ is born to us.