

Music for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

At the end of one year and beginning of the next, there is the ability to earn an plenary indulgence (the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin that remains after absolution).

The usual requirements: Receive Sacramental Confession (within 20 days prior or after), Receive Holy Communion, Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father, be free from any attachments to sin, and be intentional about the indulgence act.

The act for the indulgence for December 31st is to sing/pray the "Te Deum" publically. The indulgence for January 1st is to sing/pray the "Veni, Creator Spiritus." These are our respective Closing Hymns (English Translations).

May God's Mercy Overflow on you Today!

OPENING HYMN: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (*Refrain*)
- Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (*Refrain*)
- Adéste fidèles, laeti triumphantes,
Veníte, veníte in Béthlehem.
Natum vidé te Regem angelórum.
Refrain: Veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus Dóminum.

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May God bless us in his mercy.

OFFERTORY HYMN: MARY'S SONG

- My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
For you gazed on your servant with compassion,
And you reached out and took me by the hand.
- Great are you, God, and holy is your name.
Your mercy reaches to the end of time.
Ah, the lowly you raise to the heavens,
And the proudhearted have no part with you.
- Ah, how you fill the hungry with your love.
With empty hands the rich are sent away.
You will always be mindful of your mercy.
As you promised your people long ago.
- My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
For you smiled on your servant with compassion,
And you reached out and took me by the hand.

LAMB OF GOD:

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

- Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all (2x)
- Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you. (2x)
- As we journey to the stable
Like the wise men long ago,
We are hoping to discover
What these pilgrims came to know.
All are welcome at this manger,
King and shepherd, friend and stranger.
Christ the babe is Lord of all. (2x)
- Wake our spirits from their slumber;
Send the darkness on its way.
Fill our hearts with joy and wonder
On this blessed Christmas day.
Songs of angels all around us;
Grace and blessing now surround us.
Christ be with us as we go. (2x)

VIGIL MASS CLOSING HYMN:

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, } 2x
Everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: } 2x
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"
3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee, } 2x
While we own the mystery.

JANUARY 1ST MASS CLOSING HYMN:

VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS

(COME, CREATOR! COME, SPIRIT BLESSED)

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which thou hast made;
To fill the hearts which thou has made.
2. O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou font of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above;
And sweet anointing from above.
3. Praise be to thee, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit, with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow;
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

