per incarnáti Verbi mystérium nova mentis nostræ óculis lux tuæ claritátis infúlsit: ut, dum visibíliter Deum cognóscimus, per hunc in invisibílium amórem rapiámur. Et ídeo cum Angelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes: the Mystery of the Word made flesh, new radiance from Thy glory hath so shone on the eye of the soul that the recognition of our God made visible draweth us to love what is invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying:

Communicantes for Christmas

Communicántes, et noctem sacratíssimam celebrántes, qua beátæ Maríæ intemeráta virgínitas huic mundo édidit Salvatórem: sed et memóriam venerántes, in primis ejúsdem gloriósæ semper Vírginis Maríæ, Genitrícis ejúsdem Dei et Dómini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et . . .

Communicating, and keeping this most holy night in which the spotless virginity of blessed Mary brought forth a Savior to this world; and also reverencing the memory first of the same glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of the same God our Lord Jesus Christ: as also . . .

Communion ¤ 109. 3

In splendóribus sanctórum, ex útero ante lucíferum génui te.

In the brightness of the Saints, from the womb before the day star I begot thee.

Postcommunion

Da nobis, quæsumus, Dómine Deus noster: ut, qui Nativitátem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi mystériis nos frequentáre gaudémus; dignis conversatiónibus ad ejus mereámur perveníre consórtium: Qui tecum vivit et regnat . . . Grant to us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we, who rejoice in celebrating by these Mysteries the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, may by worthy lives, deserve to attain unto fellowship with Him: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth . . .

Saint Rose Latin Mass Propers

The Nativity of Our Lord – First Mass at Midnight

Introit
Psalm 2, 7

Dóminus dixit ad me: Fílius meus es tu, ego hódie génui te. *Psalm*. Quare fremuérunt gentes; et pópuli meditáti sunt inánia? Glória Patri . . . – Dóminus dixit ad me . . .

The Lord hath said to me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. (*Ps.2. 1*). Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things? Glory be to the Father . . . – The Lord hath said to me . . .

Collect

Deus, qui hanc sacratíssimam noctem veri lúminis fecísti illustratióne claréscere; da quæsumus; ut, cujus lucis mystéria in terra cognóvimus, ejus quoque gáudiis in cælo perfruámur. Qui tecum vivit et regnat . . .

O God, who hast made this most holy night shine forth with the splendor of the true Light: grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who have known the mysteries of His light on earth, may enjoy also His happiness in heaven. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth . . .

Epistle Titus 2. 11-15

Caríssime: Appáruit grátia Dei Salvatóris nostri ómnibus homínibus, erúdiens nos, ut abnegántes impietátem, et sæculária desidéria: sóbrie, et juste, et pie vivámus in hoc sæculo, exspectántes beátam spem, et advéntum glóriæ magni Dei, et Salvatóris nostri Jesu Christi: qui dedit semetípsum pro nobis, ut nos redímeret ab omni iniquitate, et mundaret sibi pópulum acceptábilem, sectatórem bonórum óperum. Hæc lóquere, et exhortáre: in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

Dearly beloved, The grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men, instructing us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly and justly and godly in this world, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ: Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and might cleanse to Himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works. These things speak and exhort: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual Psalm 109. 3, 1

Tecum princípium in die virtútis tuæ: in splendóribus sanctórum, ex útero ante lucíferum génui te. Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo: Sede a dextris meis: donec ponam inimícos tuos, scabéllum pedum tuórum.

Allelúia, Allelúia. Dóminus dixit ad me: Fílius meus es tu, ego hódie génui te. Allelúia.

With Thee is the principality in the day of Thy strength: in the brightness of the Saints, from the womb before the day star I begot Thee. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 2. 7). The Lord hath said to me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 2. 1-14

In illo témpore: Exiit edíctum a Cæsare Augústo, ut describerétur univérsus orbis. Hæc descriptio prima facta est a præside Syriæ Cyríno: et ibant omnes ut profiteréntur, sínguli in suam civitátem. Ascéndit autem et Joseph a Galilæa de civitáte Názareth, in Judæam in civitátem David, quæ vocátur Béthlehem: eo quod esset de domo et família David, ut profiterétur cum María desponsáta sibi uxóre prægnánte. Factum est autem, cum essent ibi, impléti sunt dies ut páreret. Et péperit Fílium suum primogénitum, et pannis eum invólvit, et reclinávit eum in præsépio: quia non erat eis locus in diversório. Et pastóres erant in regióne eádem vigilántes, et custodiéntes vigílias noctis super gregem

At that time there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And

suam. Et ecce Angelus Dómini stetit juxta illos, et cláritas Dei circumfúlsit illos, et timuérunt timóre magno. Et dixit illis Angelus: Nolite timére: ecce enim evangelízo vobis gáudium magnum, quod erit omni pópulo: quia natus est vobis hódie Salvátor, qui est Christus Dóminus, in civitáte David. Et hoc vobis signum: Inveniétis infántem pannis involútum, et pósitum in præsépio. Et súbito facta est cum Angelo multitúdo milítiæ cæléstis, laudántium Deum, et dicéntium: Glória in altíssimis Deo, et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis.

behold an Angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the Angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: for this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.

Offertory Psalm 95. 11, 13

Læténtur cæli, et exsúltet terra ante fáciem Dómini: quóniam venit. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord: because He cometh.

Secret

Accépta tibi sit, Dómine, quæsumus, hodiérnæ festivitátis oblátio: ut, tua grátia largiénte, per hæc sacrosáncta commércia, in illíus inveniámur forma, in quo tecum est nostra substántia. Qui tecum vivit et regnat . . .

May our offering on this day's feast be acceptable to Thee, O Lord, we beseech Thee: that by Thy bounteous grace, through this sacred interchange, we may be found like unto Him, in whom our nature is united to Thee. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth . . .

Preface of the Nativity

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus. Quia It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: for through