

# The Feast of the Holy Family

## Entrance Antiphon

The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the Infant lying in a manger.

## The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7,14-17

**Responsorial Psalm 127(128):1-5** O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

## The Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*  
who was conceived by the 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.

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **The mystery of faith.**

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

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.