



**Rosa Veritas**

# Christmas Eve Mystical Cosmic Mass

Christmas 2023

## **O RADIANT SUN**

O radiant sun! your glorious light  
Shines brightly at this midnight hour;  
Filling the heav'ns with joy and love,  
And to the earth, redeeming pow'r.

Incarnate Word who was with God  
Since time began and evermore,  
All things in you were brought to birth;  
Only in you, true life is found.

O radiant Son! in you is life,  
Your radiant life, lights ev'ryone.  
You shine your light into the dark  
And darkness does not overcome.

O radiant Son! True light of God  
Enlight'ning each and ev'ry soul,  
You come into our world and shine;  
May we, O Christ, your light behold.

Word become flesh, dwell in us now;  
That we may know your grace and truth.  
Your glory shines from age to age;  
Shine in us now, O living Son!

## **RESPONSES**

**Cel:** It is the night the heavens come to earth.

**All:** **We feel their presence and power.**

**Cel:** It is the night of the holy birth.

**All:** **We are open and ready to receive.**

**Cel:** It is the night to be still and know.

**All:** **The presence of God  
is expanding within us.**

## **THE GNOSIS**

**Cel:** In our stillness, in our openness  
we know ...

**All:** ... that in the innermost spiritual sanctum  
of each human being,  
is the real self,  
which is of the same essence  
as that spiritual reality  
we call God,  
who is within, beyond,  
and behind the universe;  
we know  
that the nature of this spiritual reality –  
which is unknowable to the intellect,  
but knowable to the heart –  
is love;  
we know that perfect justice rules the world,  
that the whole creation  
will one day reach its divine fulfilment;  
we know this  
because the world is being reconciled to God  
through the Lord Jesus Christ.

## RESPONSES

- Cel: Christ is in you.  
**All: Our hope and our glory.**  
Cel: Our bodies are the substance of your being.  
**All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.**  
Cel: Our life-spirit is the work of your hands.  
**All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.**  
Cel: Our emotions and feelings  
are your essence.  
**All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.**  
Cel: Fill us with the glory we had  
when we dwelt with you.  
**All: And magnify your spirit in us, O Christ.**

## IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD

In the beginning was the word.  
The word was with God, the word was God  
And the light shines forth into the dark  
Yet the darkness understood it not.

*And if we lift our eyes above  
To where the Godhead outpours love,  
The voices of the angel chorus may be heard  
Singing, "In the beginning was the word".*

Those who received him, he gave power –  
Power to be children, children of God,  
Born not of blood nor will of flesh,  
Nor of human will, but born of God.

The word became flesh and dwelt with us,  
The word was full of grace and truth.  
We've beheld the glory of the word,  
Glory of the Father's only son.

## THE OFFERING

Cel: ... and offer them on the altar of our lives,  
praying that you will fill them  
with your glory and majesty.

*All raise their bread with the Celebrant, and say ...*

**All: This bread is my life  
which I give to you  
in love and service.**

Cel: Take our bread.  
It is set apart for a sacred use  
that it may become  
the living bread from heaven.

*All raise their wine with the Celebrant, and say ...*

**All: This wine is my spirit,  
dedicated to the divine will of God.**

Cel: Take this wine ...

## CALL TO PRAISE

- Cel: Christ is in you.  
**All: Our hope and our glory.**  
Cel: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them in joy.**  
Cel: Let us give our thanks  
to the God Most High.  
**All: It is a good and joyful thing to do.**  
Cel: It is a very good and joyful thing ...  
... and all the company of spiritual worlds,  
in saying:  
**All: Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
who was and is and is to come,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory;  
glory be to you, O God Most High.**

## GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT

God himself is present,  
Let us now adore him  
As with awe we come before him.  
God is in our midst, now  
In our hearts keep silence,  
Worshipping in deepest reverence.  
Him we know, him we name,  
Come and let us make him  
Our renewed surrender.

Let your glorious light, Lord,  
Permeating all things,  
Reach my face and eyes to touch them;  
As the tender flowers  
Open out their petals,  
To the sun their hearts unfolding,  
So may I, calm in joy,  
Hold your rays from heaven,  
Power within me working.

Lord, make me your dwelling,  
Let my heart and spirit  
Be for you an earthly temple:  
Come, immediate being,  
My whole life illumine,  
So I'll always praise and love you,  
So where'er I may be  
There may I perceive you,  
Ever bow before you.

### **THE CONSECRATION**

*During the Consecration,  
all may bless their bread and wine  
together the Celebrant.*

### **SILENT NIGHT**

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
'Round the virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia".  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!  
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Silent night, Holy night!  
Son of God, loves pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

### **OFFERING OF SELF**

O loving Christ,  
present in these holy mysteries,  
I give myself to you,  
for joy and for sorrow,  
for sickness and for health,  
for success and failure,  
in time and in eternity.  
I offer to you my body, mind and spirit  
to be a holy sacrifice.  
Take me and make me  
the instrument of your will.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever,  
Amen.

### **LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS**

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
What shall be our sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all souls,  
Love our pledge, our gift and sign.

## **ARISE TO GREET THE LORD OF LIGHT**

Arise to greet the Lord of light  
You people of his choice.  
In uncreated glory bright,  
He bursts upon our inward sight,  
And bids the heart rejoice,  
And bids the heart rejoice!

Towards his light shall kings be drawn  
This majesty to see;  
And in the brightness of the dawn  
Shall see the world in hope reborn,  
In justice full and free,  
In justice full and free.

The holy light in Judah's skies  
Calls sages from afar.  
The hope of kings they recognise  
Which, in the virgin mother's eyes,  
Outshines the guiding star,  
Outshines the guiding star.

This majesty for long concealed  
From longing human sight,  
In Jesus Christ is now revealed,  
And God's eternal promise sealed  
In love's unending light,  
In love's unending light.

— Coming Up —

### **New Year Agapē & Dedication**

FOR MEMBERS

*Sunday 31 December, 2023*

*Florida 4am | EUR 10am | WA 5pm | SA 7.30pm  
NSW/VIC 8pm | NZ 10pm*

[rosaveritas.org/dec31](https://rosaveritas.org/dec31)

### **Epiphany Agapē**

*Saturday 6 January, 2024*

*Florida 2am | EUR 8am | WA 3pm | SA 5.30pm  
NSW/VIC 6pm | NZ 8pm*

All are welcome to join this Epiphany celebration with  
Rev Richard Hall and the Melbourne community.

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### **Mystical Cosmic Mass**

Sixth SOUL MASS for Rev KATE SCHEEL

*Sunday 4 February, 2024*

*Florida 2am | EUR 8am | WA 3pm | SA 5.30pm  
NSW/VIC 6pm | NZ 8pm*

[rosaveritas.org/feb4](https://rosaveritas.org/feb4)

### **Ash Wednesday Mass & Blessing of the Ashes**

*Wednesday 14 February, 2024*

*Florida 2am | EUR 8am | WA 3pm | SA 5.30pm  
NSW/VIC 6pm | NZ 8pm*

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