



CHRISTMAS
lessons & carols

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas! We're so glad you've joined us here for a Cathedral Christmas. Please know that the doors of this Cathedral are always open to you, and that everyone has a home here in this house of prayer for all people.

During this busy time of year, I sometimes wonder what draws people to church, especially for those who rarely or never go to church for the rest of the year. There are so many demands on our time, and the places we go or the people we visit say something about what's important. So why do churches tug on our heartstrings at this time of year?

The Christmas story, at its core, is about that moment in time when God chose to dwell among us. In the church, we call it the Incarnation. Christmas is about that moment when God came closest to us, when the veil between heaven and earth slipped away and we could see and touch the very face of God.

I think churches are the same way, or at least we try to be. In this glorious Cathedral, where the majestic space draws our eyes toward Heaven, we get a glimpse of that moment when God comes close. If you pause for a moment, you can feel the same sense of the incarnate God, Emmanuel, God with us. This is a place where God feels close. Maybe that's why you're here, in this Cathedral, this Christmas.

However you got here or whatever drew you here, thank you for letting us share that experience with you, and for joining us to encounter God anew at Christmas. My prayer is that in this moment, as we journey to Bethlehem, that you will feel the touch of God upon your heart. After the holiday hustle and bustle is over, know that the Cathedral is open to you as a place where the wonder of Christmas remains, where you can meet and know God.

From all of us here at the Cathedral, have a joyous holiday, a wonderful new year, and we hope to see you again soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph Marshall Hollerith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith
Dean, Washington National Cathedral



CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2018 • 6:00 P.M.

The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

<i>Novena di Natale per campagne</i>	Nino Rota (1911-1979)
<i>Lili Fantasi over den Yndigst Rose</i>	Ann-Kirstine Christiansen (b. 1965)
<i>Chorale prelude on "There is a rose"</i>	Koen Cosset (b. 1963)
<i>Winter, from Almanac for Bells</i>	Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)
<i>Pastoral Symphony, from Messiah</i>	Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. Edward Nassor (b. 1957)
<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	<i>Adeste fideles</i> ; arr. E. Nassor
<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>St. Louis</i> ; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)
<i>Paraphrase on "Gloria in Excelsis" for carillon</i>	Sjef van Balkom (1922-2004)
<i>God rest ye merry, gentlemen</i>	<i>God Rest You Merry</i> ; arr. M. Myhre
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	<i>Mendelssohn</i> ; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)
<i>Silent night</i>	<i>Stille Nacht</i> ; arr. Frank P. Law (1918-1985)

ORGAN PRELUDE

<i>In dulci jubilo, BWV 729</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
<i>Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223</i>	Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)
<i>Christmas Suite</i>	Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)
<i>Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella</i>	Keith Chapman (1945-1989)
<i>Fantasia on "Greensleeves", Op. 1131</i>	Carson Cooman (b. 1982)
<i>Partita on "Adeste fideles"</i>	Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

The people stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Once in royal David's city

Irby

The first two stanzas are sung by the choir.

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
3. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a sta - ble should dis - play
4. For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly, when on earth he grew,
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing round,

1. where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
2. and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
3. hea - ven's Word, the world's cre - a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day,
4. he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew.
5. for that child who seemed so help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove;
6. we shall see him; but in hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round:

1. Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2. with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3. yet this child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
4. Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
5. and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
6. Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

Officiant The people who walked in darkness
People **have seen a great light.**

Officiant For to us a child is born,
People **to us a Son is given.**

Officiant His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
People **the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,
People **and peace to God's people on earth.**

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this Cathedral Church, dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul, glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city of Washington.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

**Our Father, who 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all.
People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON • GENESIS 3:1-22

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever."

CAROL

Jesus Christ the apple tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought:

(Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, 1784)

Anthony Piccolo (b. 1946)

I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil;
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE SECOND LESSON • ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL

Chanticleer

Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

All this night shrill Chanticleer,
Day's proclaiming trumpeter,
Claps his wings and loudly cries,
Mortals, mortals, wake and rise!
See a wonder Heaven is under;
From the earth is risen a Sun,
Shines all night though day be done.

Wake, O earth, wake everything!
Wake and hear the joy I bring;
Wake and joy; for all this night
Heaven and every twinkling light,
All amazing still stand gazing
Angels, Powers and all that be,
Wake, and joy this Sun to see.

Hail, O Sun, O blessed Light,
Sent into the world by night!
Let thy rays and heavenly powers
Shine in these dark souls of ours;
For most duly Thou art truly
God and Man we do confess:
Hail, O Sun of Righteousness!

(William H. Austin, 1587-1634)

The people stand as able.

HYMN

God rest you merry, gentlemen

God Rest You Merry



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought glad tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

The people are seated.

THE THIRD LESSON • LUKE 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Of one that is so fair and bright *Velut maris stella*,
Brighter than the day is light, *Parens et puella*:
I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady pray thy Son for me, *Tam pia*,
That I may come to thee. *Maria!*
All this world was forlorn *Eva peccatrice*,
Till our Lord was y-born *Dete genetrice*.
With 'ave' it went away Darkest night, and comes the day *Salutis*;
The well springeth out of thee. *Virtutis*.
Lady, flow'r of ev'rything, *Rosa sine spina*,
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, *Gratia divina*:
Of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise *Electa*:
Maid mild, mother *es Effecta*.

(Anonymous, c. 1300)

The people stand as able.

HYMN

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - - - o.

The people are seated.

THE FOURTH LESSON • LUKE 2:1-7

The birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

Away in a manger

arr. Reginald Jacques (1894-1969)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray!
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

(Traditional English carol)

THE FIFTH LESSON • LUKE 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardner (1917-2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance:

*Refrain: Sing O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

Refrain

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance:

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance.

Refrain

Refrain

(Traditional English carol)

The people stand as able.

HYMN

Joy to the world!

Antioch

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far - as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
far - as the curse is found, far -
and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing,
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

The people are seated.

THE SIXTH LESSON • JOHN 1:1-14

The Great Mystery of the Incarnation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith (*December 23*)

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (*December 24*)

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

African Noel

arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

Sing Noel.

O come, ye people, gather here to hear the news of good cheer.

The King of Kings, the Lamb of God is born today in Bethlehem.

Sing Noel.

(Traditional)

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Officiant Christ has brought us out of darkness:
People **to live in his marvelous light.**

Officiant Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
People **a light no darkness can quench.**

Officiant The shepherds kept watch by night,
People **and your glory shone round about them.**

Officiant The darkness is not dark to you,
People **the night is as bright as the day.**

Officiant Let your light scatter the darkness,
People **and fill your Church with your glory.**

The people remain seated as their tapers are lighted from the Advent Wreath. To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame.

CAROL AT THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter (b. 1945)

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How do you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

*Refrain: Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow,
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright,
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.*

(J. Rutter)

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep.
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour,
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Refrain

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger,
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation,
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

Refrain

The people stand as able.

HYMN

Silent night

Stille Nacht

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior is born! Christ, the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The blessing is offered, and the people respond, Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 4. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in a man - ger,
 5. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - - le - hem;
 2. lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - - gin's womb;
 3. leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 4. we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
 5. sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1. come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3. we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 4. who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 5. glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Please gently extinguish your candles and upon exiting place used tapers in the baskets provided.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54/6

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)



A gift in celebration of Christ's birth is made to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the
William Carter and Maurine Stuart families.

CHRISTMAS DAY ORGAN RECITAL

1:30 P.M.

Join us on Christmas Day as organists George Fergus and Thomas Sheehan play a Christmas recital of traditional and familiar holiday favorites on the Cathedral's Great Organ.

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