The Entrance Rite

Carillon Prelude

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

*Salzburg; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)*

Organ Prelude

*Apparition de l’Église Éternelle (Vision of the Eternal Church)*

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

The people remain seated for the introit.

Introit

*Eternal Light*

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil, Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance, Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*(Alcuin of York, 735-804)*

The people stand as able.

Processional Hymn • 137

*O wondrous type! O vision fair*

*Wareham*

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Word of God

The Collect for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

The First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called
to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 99**  
chant: Gerald Knight (1908-1979)

*The choir sings the antiphon; then all repeat.*

The Lord is King;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

All sing the antiphon.

**THE SECOND READING**  
2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The sermon

The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each intercession,

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and are then seated.

THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the Cathedral’s ministry of sharing God’s love with the world.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Light of the World

Light of the World, we know Thy praise
The angels and archangels raise
And all the host of Heav’n;
More worthily than our faint hymns,
Whose jarring sound that glory dims,
Which God to Thee has giv’n.

But thou didst not disdain to take
Our low estate, or e’en to make
The tomb Thy resting place;
So Thou might bring into our night
The dawn of Thine eternal Light
To shine upon our face.

Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, is Lord,
But Thou, O Son of God,
Thy Word is now our sov’reign law.
Therefore we thank Thee, and we pray
Thy Light may shine unto the Perfect Day,
On us for evermore.

(Edward Capel-Cure, 1828-1890)
The people stand as able at the introduction of the hymn.

**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart*  
*Morecambe*

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its puls-es move; mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love,

2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King; all, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al-ways nigh; teach me the strug-gles of the soul to bear, to check the ris-ing doubt, the re-bel sigh; teach me the pa-tience of un-an-swered prayer.

4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an-gels love, one ho-ly pas-sion fill-ing all my frame; the bap-tism of the heav’n-de-scend-ed Dove, my heart an al-tar, and Thy love the flame.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The presider offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:*
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint Peter, Saint Paul, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

The presider breaks the bread in silence.
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM  

James Moore (b. 1951)

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

During the administration of Holy Communion, the laying on of hands and prayers for healing are offered in St. John's Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp or stairs to the right of the pulpit.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Epiphany Alleluias  

John Weaver (b. 1937)

Alleluia. We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is ris'n upon thee. Alleluia.

(From the Propers for the Epiphany Season)

The people stand as able.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The presider blesses the people, and people respond, Amen.
HYMN AT THE CLOSING • 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro, from *Symphony VI*, Op. 42/2

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Following the service, healing prayers and blessings for active duty military, veterans, and their families will be available in War Memorial Chapel.

The Washington Ringing Society will ring the Cathedral bells following the service.
Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019

Begin your Lenten journey with us.

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 AM

NOON

7:00 PM

Clergy will be available for the Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) throughout the day.
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Those wishing to make flower gifts for Easter 2019 are invited to submit their gifts to the Altar Guild before March 21.


Flowers  The flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. The High Altar: in memory of Mary Ashley Scarborough; Children's Chapel Altar: in memory of Elizabeth McCutchins Blood Miles.
