

# Christmas Eve

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST



WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth. —John 1:14*

Dear friends,

Welcome to Washington National Cathedral! We are glad you are here with us to share in this moment. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to pause and remember what this season is all about, to make sure this holiday is centered on the holy.

The great miracle of the Christian faith is that God becomes one of us. The infinite becomes finite, and the unknowable God, beyond space and time, becomes a helpless infant totally dependent on the love and care of a young unwed couple. Why? Why would God do such a thing? Why would the Creator of all things deign to be born in a stable? Because of love. God loves us so much that God becomes one of us in order to reach us, in order to lift us toward God. In the process, God hallows all human existence and provides us, in Jesus, with a living example of what it means to be fully human.

Two thousand years ago, Mary and Joseph wandered their way through the city of Bethlehem looking for a home, searching for a safe place where they could rest. Scripture tells us they were young and in trouble—Mary wasn't supposed to be pregnant and Joseph wasn't supposed to stay with her now that she was. But they were in love and they knew that somehow God was calling them to play a role in God's plans for the world. Sometime during the night, a child was born, a special child, a child whose destiny was to be Immanuel—God with us. God with us, not God above us and beyond us, not God transcendent and mysterious, not God out of our reach and free from our experience—but God here, present in this life, in a human person, needing human love. Jesus was born to satisfy our yearnings, to fill that hole in our souls, to bring God closer to us, and to bring all of us closer to our home in God.

A child once said: "I wish I had a picture of God." This is exactly what we are granted in the birth of Jesus. God has shown us God's face. And so, as you leave the Cathedral today, take the Christ child with you. Take his humility and make it your own. Learn to be more patient, more open, more understanding and more forgiving of others in your life. Take his life of service and make it your life. Learn to take less from others; learn to give more of yourself without the thought of getting anything in return. And finally, take his love and let God's love for you become the source of your love for one another. May we all this Christmastide find the Christ child again and again, and bring him afresh into our Jesus-starved world. Because he is needed now more than ever.

Merry Christmas and may God bless and keep you this day and always.



The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith  
*Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

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CARILLON PRELUDE

<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	<i>Adeste fideles</i> ; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
<i>Winter, from Almanac for Bells</i>	Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)
<i>In dulci jubilo, from A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year</i>	Roy Hamlin Johnson (b. 1929)
<i>Away in a manger, from A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year</i>	R. H. Johnson
<i>The first Nowell</i>	<i>The First Nowell</i> ; arr. Beverly Buchanan (b.1931)
<i>Jesu, joy of man's desiring</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); arr. Leen 't Hart (1920-1992)
<i>Joy to the world! the Lord is come</i>	<i>Antioch</i> ; arr. Frank P. Law (1918-1985)
<i>Paraphrase on 'Gloria in excelsis' for carillon</i>	Sjef van Balkom (1922-2004)
<i>Once in royal David's city</i>	<i>Irby</i> ; arr. Milford Myhre (b.1931)
<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>St. Louis</i> ; arr. Milford Myhre (b.1931)
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	<i>Mendelssohn</i> ; arr. F. Law
<i>Silent night, holy night</i>	<i>Stille Nacht</i> ; arr. Hans Uwe Hielscher (b.1945)

ORGAN PRELUDE

<i>Carillon-Sortie</i>	Henri Mulet (1878-1967)
<i>Prelude and Fugue in A major, BWV 536</i>	J. S. Bach
<i>In dulci jubilo, BWV 729</i>	J. S. Bach
<i>Fiat Lux</i>	Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
<i>Noel-Etranger</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin (1695-1772)
<i>Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella</i>	arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)
<i>Partita on 'Adeste Fideles'</i>	Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

INTROIT

<i>Alleluya, a new work is come on hand</i>	Peter Wishart (1921-1984)
Alleluya, A new work is come on hand, through might and grace of God's son to save the lost of every land. For now is free that erst was bound. We may well sing Alleluya!	
Now is fulfilled the prophecy of David and of Jeremy and also of Isaiah. Sing we therefore both loud and high Alleluya!	
Alleluya, this sweetè song, out of a green branch it sprung; God send us the life that lasteth long. Now joy and bliss be him among that thus can sing Alleluya! (Anonymous, fifteenth century)	

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The people stand.*

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

*Sung by all*

*Once in royal David's city*

*Irby*

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 BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

*Dean Hollerith* Behold, the dwelling of God is with creation.  
*People* He will dwell with us and we shall be his people;

*Dean Hollerith* God himself is with us. Alleluia.  
*People* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

*Dean Hollerith* Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born of a pure Virgin: Bless, we pray, this crèche that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*People* Amen.

## HYMN

*Sung by all*

*Away in a manger*

*Cradle Song*



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for  
Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look  
ev - er, and love me I pray, Bless all the dear chil - dren in  
down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
thy ten - der care, and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Dean Hollerith* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Dean Hollerith* The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;  
*People* And we beheld his glory.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*Sung by all*

*Glory to God in the highest*

William Mathias (1934-1992)



Glo - ry to God in the high- est, and peace to God's



peo- ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa- ther,



we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:



re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Dean Hollerith* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Dean Hollerith* O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 96

chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

*The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.*



Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.  
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea  
thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the  
Lord when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.

*All sing the antiphon.*

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
 People            **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

*Sung by all*

*O little town of Bethlehem*

*St. Louis*

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 4. Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us we pray;

1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2. while mor - tals sleep and an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4. where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5. cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1. yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3. No ear my hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4. where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;





1. the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.  
 2. and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3. where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4. the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5. O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-20

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the bishop.*

**THE SERMON**

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

*The people stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Intercessor* As the heavens and earth are filled with the peace and love of the Word made flesh, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

*Intercessor* O God, the creator and preserver of all, draw all peoples to you, that your wisdom may be known to the ends of the earth. God of love and peace,

*People* **Hear us, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Strengthen your Church, O God, to be a messenger of peace, that through its proclamation and life it may bring the good news of Christ to all who are disheartened. God of love and peace,

*People* **Hear us, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Make the leaders of nations, states and communities to be lovers of goodness and truth, that all your children may be nurtured and protected. Uphold all who strive for justice and freedom that their work for peace may shine with your saving love. God of love and peace,

*People* **Hear us, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Raise up those who are lowly and powerless, that the light of Christ's birth may scatter their darkness and bring renewed hope. God of love and peace,

*People* **Hear us, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Surround with your love the lonely, bereaved, and all for whom this season is a burden, that they may know the arms of your mercy. God of love and peace,

*People* **Hear us, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Remember those who live with fear, poverty, anxiety, illness, and all who suffer, that they may be comforted and lifted up. God of love and peace,  
*People* **Hear us, we pray.**

*Intercessor* Unite us with all the saints in the light, until we join them in the brightness of your heavenly glory.  
 God of love and peace,  
*People* **Hear us, we pray.**

*Dean Hollerith* Almighty God, grant that through our prayers, our lives may radiate the presence of Christ to all who dwell on earth, for he is our Lord for ever and ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Dean Hollerith* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

#### 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.*

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Lully, lulla*

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By, by, lully, lullay.	Herod the king, In his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, In his own sight, All young children to slay.
Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By, by, lully, lullay.	
O, sisters too, How may we do For to preserve this day This poor youngling For whom we do sing, By, by, lully lullay?	That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And every morn and day, For thy parting, Neither say nor sing By by, lully lullay!

*(Fifteenth century)*

*The people stand.*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

*Sung by all*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice*

*In dulci jubilo*

1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ for born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dean Hollerith | People

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Dean Hollerith | People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Dean Hollerith

Let us give thanks to the Lord\_ our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise\_

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by all*

W. Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Dean Hollerith* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*People* **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Dean Hollerith* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Mary and Joseph, Peter and Paul, our patrons, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Dean Hollerith* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*All* **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

*The people are seated.*

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*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 om 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.*

## ANTHEMS AT THE COMMUNION

*African Noel*

André J. 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.

We are sparrows, sparrows in the snow,  
Frost on our feathers and ice in our bones  
So let us have a crumb, a crumb or two,  
We'll sing the sparrows' carol for you.

A sparrow flew up to heav'n on high,  
He sang for the Maker, the Maker of the sky  
So let us have a sip, a sip or three,  
And a sparrow will sing from your Christmas tree!

The sparrow who flew from Bethl'em afar  
Sang Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
So let us have a coin, a coin or four,  
And sparrows no longer shall be poor!

A sparrow sang loud when the Christ was born,  
He sang from the holly and from the hawthorn  
So let us have a bite, to be of good cheer,  
And you shall have a Christmas to last all year!

*Charles Bennett (b. 1954)*

**HYMN AFTER THE COMMUNION**

*Sung by all, standing*

*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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by all*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Bp Mariann* May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

*People* Amen.

*Bp Mariann* May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

*People* Amen.

*Bp Mariann* May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

*People* Amen.

*Bp Mariann* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

*Sung by all*

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Mendelssohn*



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings;



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell: Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

**DISMISSAL**

*Gospeller*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

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Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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