



CHRISTMAS EVE

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Dear friends,

Welcome to Washington National Cathedral. Thank you for joining us for our Christmas celebrations. Whether you are here every Sunday or you are just visiting this one time, we are blessed to have you with us, and we hope you will find something of God's love, hope, and peace in this sacred space.

What draws you here this Christmas? Is it the music, the candlelight, the gorgeous flowers, the cherished hymns? Is it the beautiful liturgy, the familiar readings, the pull of family and friends, or the comfort of annual Christmas celebrations? The truth is many of us go to church during the Christmas season for a variety of reasons that may shift from year to year. Whatever your reason or reasons for being here, please know that the Christ whose birth we celebrate welcomes you with outstretched arms, just as you are, wherever you are in your life at this moment.

On Christmas, we celebrate that the infinite God has become finite in a newborn baby so that as one of us he might show us the way back to God. God with us, not God above us and beyond us, not God transcendent and mysterious, not God out of our reach and aloof from our experience—but God here, present in this life, in a human person. Jesus was born to bring God closer to us, and to bring all of us closer to our home in God.

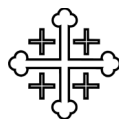
Christ has come for all of us, whether we believe in him or not. He has come in humility, as a helpless child, not to condemn the world but to transform humanity from what it is into what God intends it to be. In short, Christmas is all about a profound act of love.

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. This Christmastide, may we all find the Christ child again and bring him afresh into our Jesus-starved world. Because he is needed now more than ever.

Merry Christmas and God bless you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Randolph Marshall Hollerith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith
Dean, Washington National Cathedral



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Festival Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2022 • 10:00 PM

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>Choral Prelude on Rosa Mystica</i> “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	Ennis Fruhauf (b. 1944)
<i>The Manger Carol</i> “Oxen and Sheep”	Frank P. Law (1918–1985)
“Winter” from <i>Almanac for Bells</i>	Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)
<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	<i>Adeste fideles</i> ; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>St. Louis</i> ; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)
Paraphrase on “Gloria in excelsis” for carillon	Sjev van Balkom (1922–2004)
<i>God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i>	<i>God Rest You Merry</i> ; arr. M. Myrhe
<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. Hans Uwe Hielscher (b. 1945)

PRELUDE

<i>Carol Rhapsody</i>	Richard Purvis (1913–1994)
<i>Mary’s Boy Child</i>	Jester Hairston (1901–2000)
<i>God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i>	Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)
“Postlude” from Messe basse No. 3	Camil van Hulse (1897–1988)
<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	John Jacob Niles (1892–1980)
<i>Christmas</i> , Op. 80	Arthur Foote (1853–1937)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

INTROIT

<i>A Boy Was Born</i>	<i>Sung by the choir.</i>	Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)
A Boy was born in Bethlehem; Rejoice for that, Jerusalem! Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.	Then praise the Word of God who came To dwell within a human frame: Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.	
He let himself a servant be, That all mankind he might set free: Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.	<i>(Anonymous German; English trans. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936)</i>	

The people stand as able.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

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

God himself is with us. Alleluia.
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Sung by all.

Adeste fideles

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

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,
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that hap - py morn - ing;

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;
6. Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
And we beheld his glory.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sung by all.

Gloria

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

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 COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The collect is the appointed prayer that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 LESSON

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

Isaiah 9:2-7

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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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

El pueblo que andaba en la oscuridad
vio una gran luz;
una luz ha brillado
para los que vivían en tinieblas.
Señor, has traído una gran alegría;
muy grande es el gozo.
Todos se alegran delante de ti
como en tiempo de cosecha,
como se alegran los que se reparten grandes riquezas.
Porque tú has deshecho
la esclavitud que oprimía al pueblo,
la opresión que lo afligía,
la tiranía a que estaba sometido.
Fue como cuando destruiste a Madián.
Las botas que hacían resonar los soldados
y los vestidos manchados de sangre
serán quemados, destruidos por el fuego.
Porque nos ha nacido un niño,
Dios nos ha dado un hijo,
al cual se le ha concedido el poder de gobernar.
Y le darán estos nombres:
Admirable en sus planes, Dios invencible,
Padre eterno, Príncipe de la paz.
Se sentará en el trono de David;
extenderá su poder real a todas partes
y la paz no se acabará;
su reinado quedará bien establecido,
y sus bases serán la justicia y el derecho
desde ahora y para siempre.
Esto lo hará el ardiente amor del Señor todopoderoso.

Palabra del Señor.

Demos gracias a Dios.

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord, All the Whole Earth *Sung by the choir and the cantor.*

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

Refrain 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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

(Psalm 96:1-3, 8-9, 12-13)

THE SECOND LESSON

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Tito 2:11-14

Pues Dios ha mostrado su bondad, al ofrecer la salvación a toda la humanidad. Esa bondad de Dios nos enseña a renunciar a la maldad y a los deseos mundanos, y a llevar en el tiempo presente una vida de buen juicio, rectitud y piedad, mientras llega el feliz cumplimiento de nuestra esperanza: el regreso glorioso de nuestro gran Dios y Salvador Jesucristo. Él se entregó a la muerte por nosotros, para rescatarnos de toda maldad y limpiarnos completamente, haciendo de nosotros el pueblo de su propiedad, empeñados en hacer el bien.

Palabra del Señor.
Demos gracias a Dios.

The people stand as able at introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Sung by all.

Negro spiritual, arranged

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

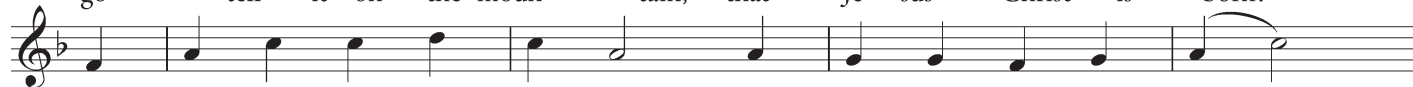
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

Repeat Refrain



be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
and God sent us sa - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Luke 2:1-20

Lucas 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Santo Evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
según Lucas.

¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!

Por aquel tiempo, el emperador Augusto ordenó que se hiciera un censo de todo el mundo. Este primer censo fue hecho siendo Quirinio gobernador de Siria. Todos tenían que ir a inscribirse a su propio pueblo. Por esto, José salió del pueblo de Nazaret, de la región de Galilea, y se fue a Belén, en Judea, donde había nacido el rey David, porque José era descendiente de David. Fue allá a inscribirse, junto con María, su esposa, que se encontraba encinta. Y sucedió que mientras estaban en Belén, le llegó a María el tiempo de dar a luz. Y allí nació su hijo primogénito, y lo envolvió en pañales y lo acostó en el establo, porque no había alojamiento para ellos en el mesón. Cerca de Belén había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo cuidando sus ovejas. De pronto se les apareció un ángel del Señor, y la gloria del Señor brilló alrededor de ellos; y tuvieron mucho miedo. Pero el ángel les dijo: «No tengan miedo, porque les traigo una buena noticia, que será motivo de gran alegría para todos: Hoy les ha nacido en el pueblo de David un salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. Como señal, encontrarán ustedes al niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un establo.» En aquel momento aparecieron, junto al ángel, muchos otros ángeles del cielo, que alababan a Dios y decían: «¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas! ¡Paz en la tierra entre los hombres que gozan de su favor!» Cuando los ángeles se volvieron al cielo, los pastores comenzaron a decirse unos a otros: «Vamos, pues, a Belén, a ver esto que ha sucedido y que el Señor nos ha anunciado.» Fueron de prisa y encontraron a María y a José, y al niño acostado en el establo. Cuando lo vieron, se pusieron a contar lo que el ángel les había dicho acerca del niño, y todos los que lo oyeron se admiraban de lo que decían los pastores. María guardaba todo esto en su corazón, y lo tenía muy presente. Los pastores, por su parte, regresaron dando gloria y alabanza a Dios por todo lo que habían visto y oído, pues todo sucedió como se les había dicho.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

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

Creemos en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso,
Creador de cielo y tierra, de todo lo visible e
invisible.

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.

Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de
Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de
Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de
la misma naturaleza que el Padre, por quien
todo fue hecho; que por nosotros y por nuestra
salvación bajó del cielo: por obra del Espíritu
Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo
hombre. Por nuestra causa fue crucificado
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato: padeció y fue
sepultado. Resucitó al tercer día, según las
Escrituras, subió al cielo y está sentado a la
derecha del Padre. De nuevo vendrá con gloria
para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no
tendrá fin.

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.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de
vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con
el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y
gloria, y que habló por los profetas. Creemos en
la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica.
Reconocemos un solo Bautismo para el perdón
de los pecados. Esperamos la resurrección de los
muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the for Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

After each intercession,

God of love and peace,
Hear us, we pray.

Dios de amor y paz,
Escúchanos, te suplicamos.

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

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
Y con tu espíritu.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, at give2wnc.org/2022christmas, or by texting the dollar amount you wish to give to 202-856-9005.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

Sung by the cantor.

James Glover (b. 1983)

My Soul doth magnify the Lord.
Hail Mary, thou art favored,
Fear not, thou hast found favor with God.

Thou shalt conceive in thy womb
A Son, and his name will be called Jesus;
He shall be great, and be called the Son in the
Highest.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me.

(after portions of Luke 1)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Jesus, the Light of the World

Sung by all.

George D. Elderkin (1845–1928)



1. Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing. Je - sus, the light of the world.
2. Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise. Je - sus, the light of the world.
3. Hail, the heav'n - born prince of peace. Je - sus, the light of the world.



Glo - ry to the new - born King, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Join the tri - umph of the skies. Je - sus, the light of the world.
Hail, the sun of right - eous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the world.

Refrain



Walk in the light, beau-ti - ful light. Come where the dew-drops of mer-cy shine bright.



shine all a - round us by day and by night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

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 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.

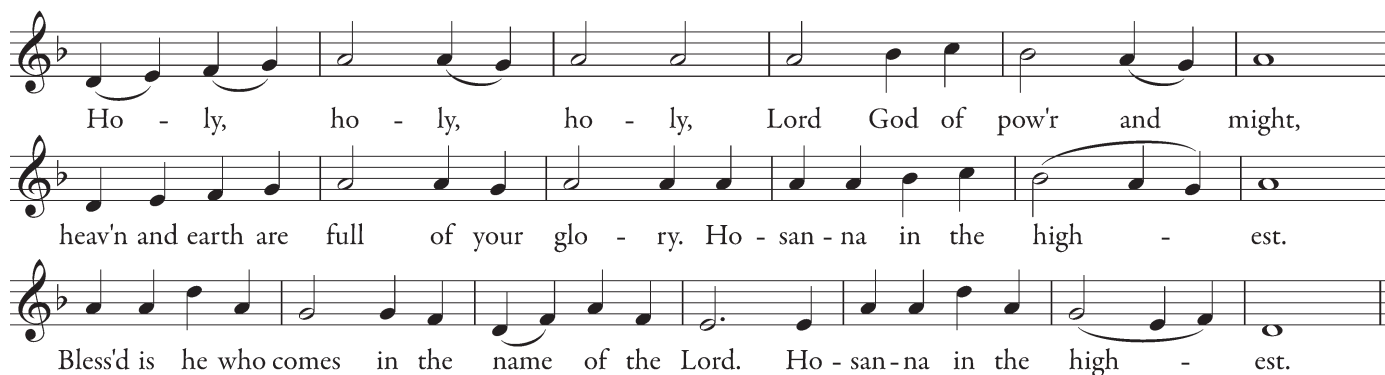
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by all.

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The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.



We recall God's acts of salvation history. The bishop says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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, our patrons, the Apostles Peter and Paul, 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.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the bishop has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también
nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

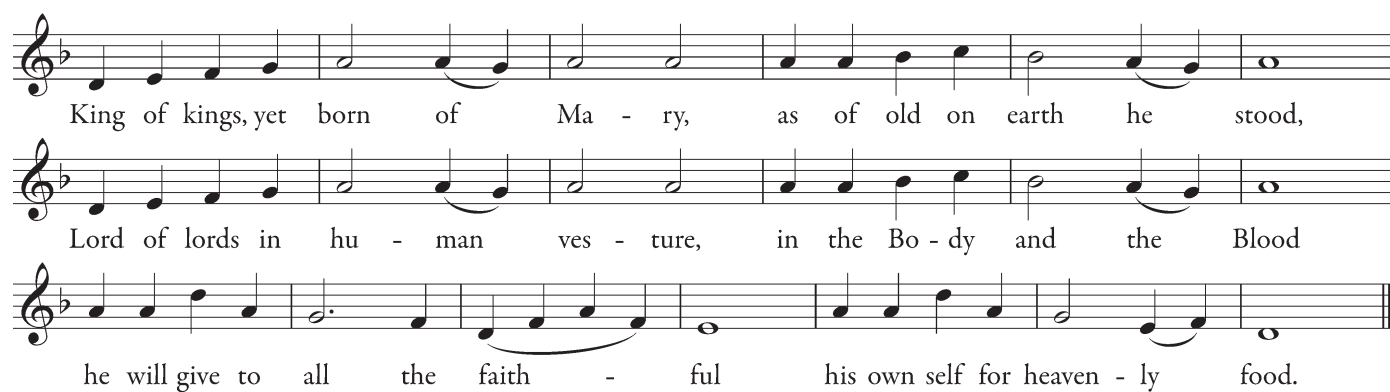
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bishop breaks the bread in silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Sung by all.

Picardy



King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread) into the common chalice. 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.

Those unable to receive Communion today are invited to say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Dormi Jesu!

Sung by the choir.

Jaebon Hwang (b. 1982)

Dormi, Jesu! Mater ridet
 Quae tam dulcem somnum videt,
 Dormi, Jesu! blandule!

(Sleep, Jesus! Mother smiles
 Who sees such sweet sleep,
 Sleep, Jesus, gentling!)

Sleep, sweet babe! my cares beguiling;
 Mother sits beside thee smiling;
 Sleep, my darling, tenderly!
 If thou sleep not, mother mourneth,
 Singing as her wheel she turneth:
 Come, soft slumber, balmily!

Si non dormis, Mater plorat,
 Inter fila cantans orat,
 Blande, veni, somnule.

(If you sleep not, Mother weeps,
 While she spins, in song she prays,
 Come, gentle little sleep.)

(Anonymous Latin original; English trans. Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1772–1834)

HYMN AFTER THE COMMUNION

Silent Night

Sung by all.

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 POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Dios nuestro Padre, en esta noche has manifestado a nosotros otra vez la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo: confirma nuestra fe y fija nuestros ojos en él hasta que el día amanezca y Cristo la Estrella de la Mañana nazca en nuestros corazones. A él sea la gloria ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BLESSING

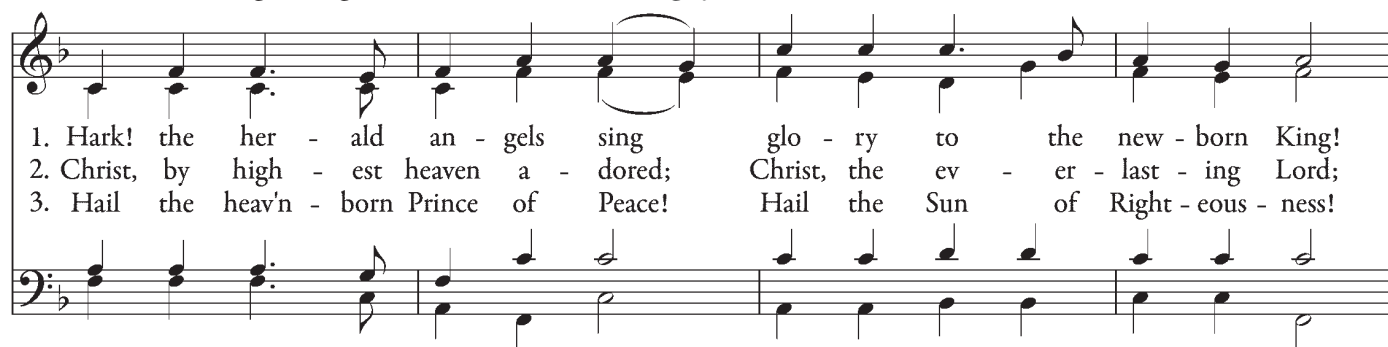
The bishop blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Sung by all.

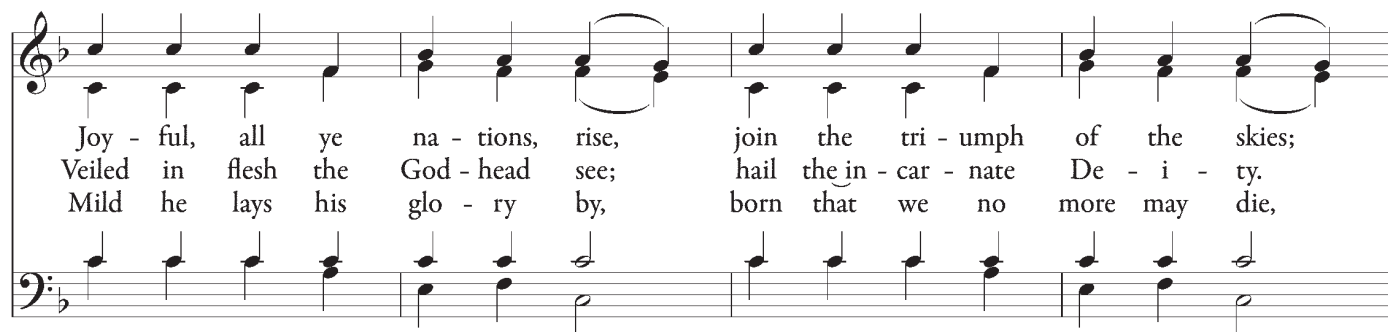
Mendelssohn



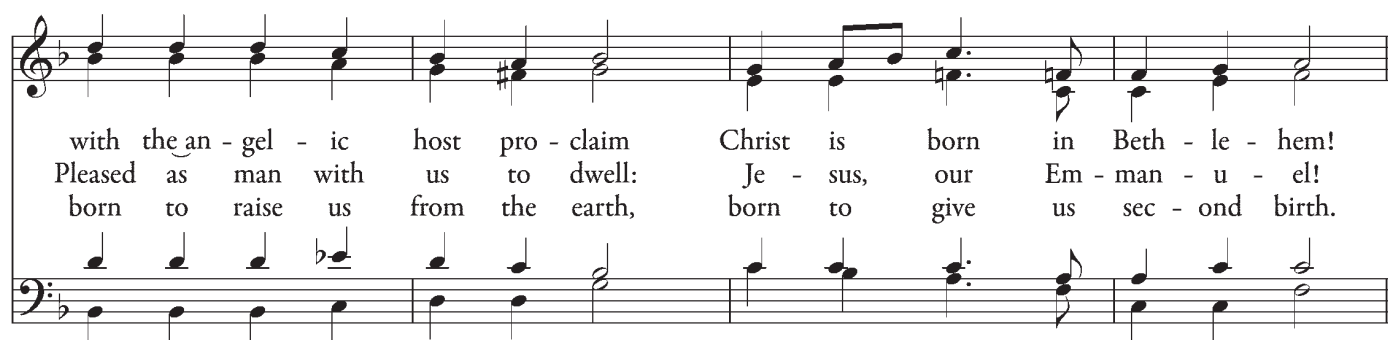
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



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;

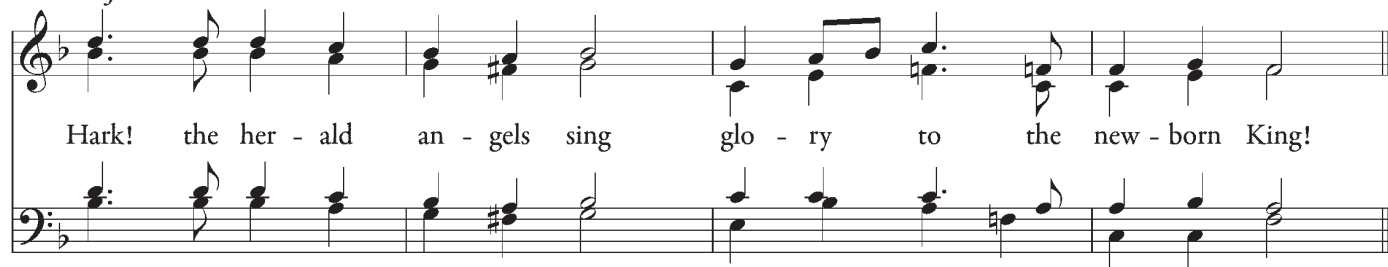


Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



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!

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Thanks be to God.

Vayan en paz. Proclamen la Palabra hecha carne.
Demos gracias a Dios.

POSTLUDE

“Final” from Organ Symphony No. 6, Op. 59

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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