CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

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,

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



Christmas Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 22 & 24, 2022 · 6:00 РМ

The people's responses are in **bold**.

CARILLON PRELUDE

An English Christmas Suite Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Ding, Dong, Merrily on High On This Day the Earth Shall Ring God Rest You Merry Gentlemen O Little Town of Bethlehem Hark! The Herald Angels Sing O Come, All Ye Faithful Silent Night

Organ Prelude

Noël étranger La Nativité O Little Town of Bethlehem Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern In dulci jubilo "Andante sostenuto" and "Moderato" from Symphonie Gothique, Op. 70

Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957) From Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern, 1833; arr. Austin Ferguson (b. 1993) Jean Tabourot (1519–1595); arr. E. M. Nassor Personet hodie; arr. E. M. Nassor God Rest You Merry; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931) Forest Green; arr. Percival Price (1901–1985) Mendelssohn; arr. Ester T. Dawson (1907–1989) Adeste fideles; arr. Ronald Barnes (1927–1997) Stille Nacht; arr. Frank P. Law (1918–1985)

> Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772) Jean Langlais (1907–1991) Brenda Portman (b. 1980) Dieterich Buxtehude (ca. 1637–1707) James Woodman Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Hymn at the Procession

Once in Royal David's City



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 3:8-14

Adam and Eve rebel against God

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."

Carol

The Lord at First Did Adam Make

The Lord at first did Adam make Out of the dust and clay, And in his nostrils breathed life E'en as the scriptures say. And then in Eden's paradise He placed him to dwell, That he within it should remain, To dress and keep it well:

Refrain Now let good Christians all begin An holy life to live, And to rejoice and merry be, For this is Christmas Eve.

And thus within the garden he Was set therein to stay; And in commandment unto him These words the Lord did say: "The fruit which in the garden grows To thee shall be for meat, Except the tree in the midst thereof, Of which thou shalt not eat:" Anonymous English melody; arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

"For in the day thou shalt it touch Or dost to it come nigh, If so thou do but eat thereof Then thou shalt surely die." But Adam he did take no heed Unto that only thing, But did transgress God's holy law, And so was wrapt in sin:

Refrain

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, Which he for mankind bore; His mercy soon he did extend, Lost man for to restore; And then for to redeem our souls From death and hellish thrall, He said his own dear Son should be The Savior of us all:

Refrain

Refrain

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

Alleluya, A New Work is come on Hand

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 fulled the prophecy Of David and of Jeremy And also of Isaiah; Sing we therefore both loud and high, Both loud and high: Alleluya.

Alleluya, this sweet 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.

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

Peter Wishart (1921–1984)



The people are seated.

The Third Lesson • Luke 1:18-23

The Archangel Gabriel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son

Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

Carol

Ave Maria

Sung in Latin.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; Blessed are you among women, And blessed is the fruit of your womb. Amen. Robert Parsons (ca. 1536–ca. 1571)



The Fourth Lesson • Matthew 1:18-23

The birth of Jesus

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Carol

Lully, Lulla, Thou Little Tiny Child

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?

- Herod, the king, In his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, In his own sight, All children young to slay.
- That woe is me, Poor child, for thee! And ever mourn and say, For thy parting, Nor say nor sing By, by, lully, lullay!

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

The Fifth Lesson • Luke 2:8-16

The angel brings good news to the shepherds

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.

Carol

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Negro spiritual; arr. André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn; Rise up, shepherd, and follow; It will lead to the place where Christ was born; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your sheep, leave your sheep, and leave your lambs; Rise up, shepherd, and follow; Leave your ewes and your rams, leave your ewes and rams; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain Follow, follow, Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow the Star of Bethlehem; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed to the angel's words; Rise up, shepherd, and follow; You'll forget your flocks; you'll forget your herds; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain

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



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.

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

Homily

The Reverend Canon Dana Colley Corsello (December 22) The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith (December 24)

The Offertory

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CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

Pilgrim Jesus	Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)	
Iesus! Christus! Iesus! Natus!	(Jesus! Christ! Jesus! Born!)	
In the manger of my body Leaps the tiny child, and his breath Is the word—the dance of God.		
Corpus! Beatus! Peregrinus! Natus!	(Body! Beautiful! Pilgrim! Born!)	
In the ocean of my head The steadfast ship rides tide and storm On its pilgrim crossing.		
Oceanus! Peregrinus! Christus! Natus!	(Ocean! Pilgrim! Christ! Born!)	
In the orchard of my heart Springs the singing tree. Its root Is faith and its sweet fruit charity.		
Cor! Arbor! Amor! Christus!	(Heart! Tree! Love! Christ!)	
Riding ship, springing tree, And in the manger leaps the child Who is the word—the dance of God.		
Iesus! Peregrinus! Iesus! Natus!	(Jesus! Pilgrim! Jesus! Born!)	
(Kevin Crossley-Holland, b. 1941)		

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 People	The shepherds kept watch by night, 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

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

Refrain	Candlelight, angel light, fire-light, and star-glow	,
	Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.	
	Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!	(Glory, glory to God in the highest!)
	Angels are singing; the Christ-child is born.	

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep; Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, 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 at the introduction to the hymn.

John Rutter (b. 1945)



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 Blessing

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

Hymn at the Closing



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

Organ Postlude

"Final" from Symphonie No. 6, Op. 59

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)



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The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

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The Reverend Canon Kelly Brown Douglas Canon Theologian

The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan Canon for Worship

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HIGH ALTAR: in memory of Hibbard G. James • CANDELABRA IN THE HIGH ALTAR SANCTUARY: in loving memory of Charles and Mary Russell Bounds • ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, and in loving memory of James H. Lewis and Betty Prater Lewis • GATES OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN: in memory of Donna McNamara • ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: in memory of Ann Wilson • ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. JOHN: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends • NORMAN PRINCE TOMB IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. JOHN: in honor of Norman Prince • ALTAR IN CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: in memory of Wayne Evan Matejik • CHRIST CHILD TREE: in honor of Andrew, Kurt, and Stefan Moss, Jennifer and Robert Vettori, Jr., and Lydia Hynson, and in honor of The Great Mystery of the Incarnation • ALTAR IN WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL: in memory of Margaret H. Howard; DULIN BAY: given in memory of and thanksgiving for Blanche Scott Dulin, Edward Milton Dulin, Sr., and Dr. William C. Dulin • FOLGER BAY: given in memory of J. Clifford Folger and Kathrine Dulin Folger • ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY: in honor of David, Michael, and Peter Lee • ANGUS DUN FONT: in honor of Helen Barnard and in thanksgiving for her service to the Cathedral • PRINCE TOMB CRYPT: in honor of Frederick Henry Prince and Abigail Norman Prince • ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: in loving memory of Tedson Meyers • ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends • GATES OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA COLUMBARIUM: in memory of the Seferlis and Tidball families • ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA: in memory of Albert T. Nabti • USHERS' **CARNATIONS:** in memory of Lieutenant James Norbert Matthews.

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