



The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

Dear friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith
Dean, Washington National Cathedral



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The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

Once in royal David's city

Angels, from the realms of glory

On this day earth shall ring

Joy to the world!

Hark! the herald angels sing

Irby; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

Regent Square; arr. M. Myhre

Personet Hodie; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

Antioch; arr. Frank P. Law (1918-1985)

Mendelssohn; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)

ORGAN PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Improvisation on "Adeste fideles"

Christmas Suite

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54/6

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Francis Pott (b. 1957)

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

INTROIT

Hodie Christus natus est

Sung in Latin.

Today Christ is born.

Today the Saviour has appeared.

Today on earth the angels sing and the archangels rejoice.

Today the just exult,

saying Glory to God in the highest,

alleluia, Noel.

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

(Antiphon on the Magnificat, Vespers of Christmas Day)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

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

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

Refrain

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

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

THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

William Mathias (1934-1992)



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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

PSALM 98

chant: Douglas Major (b. 1953)

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

All sing the antiphon.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

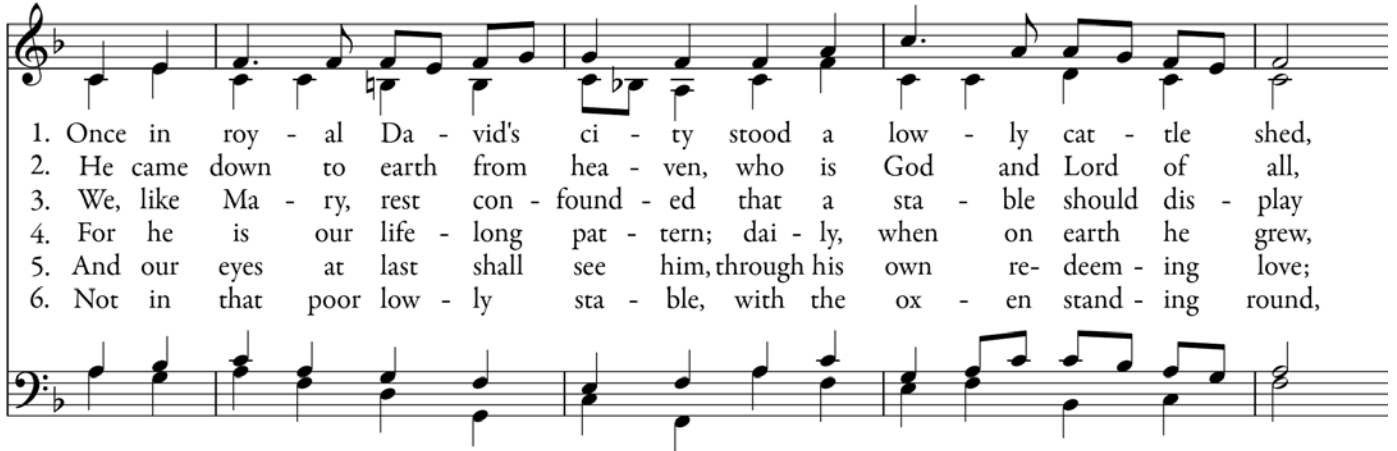
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

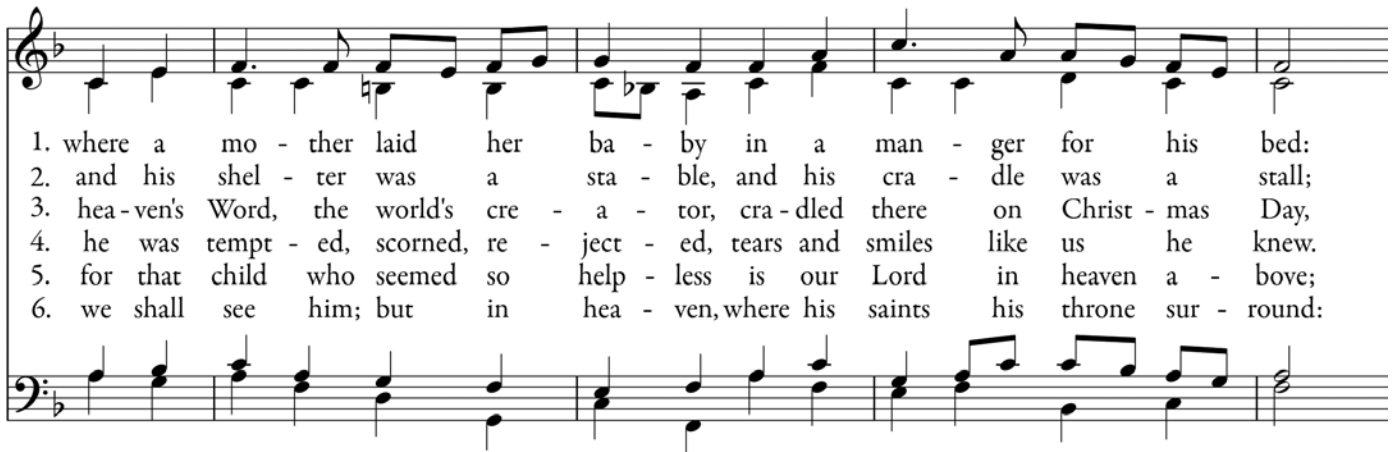
HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Once in royal David's city

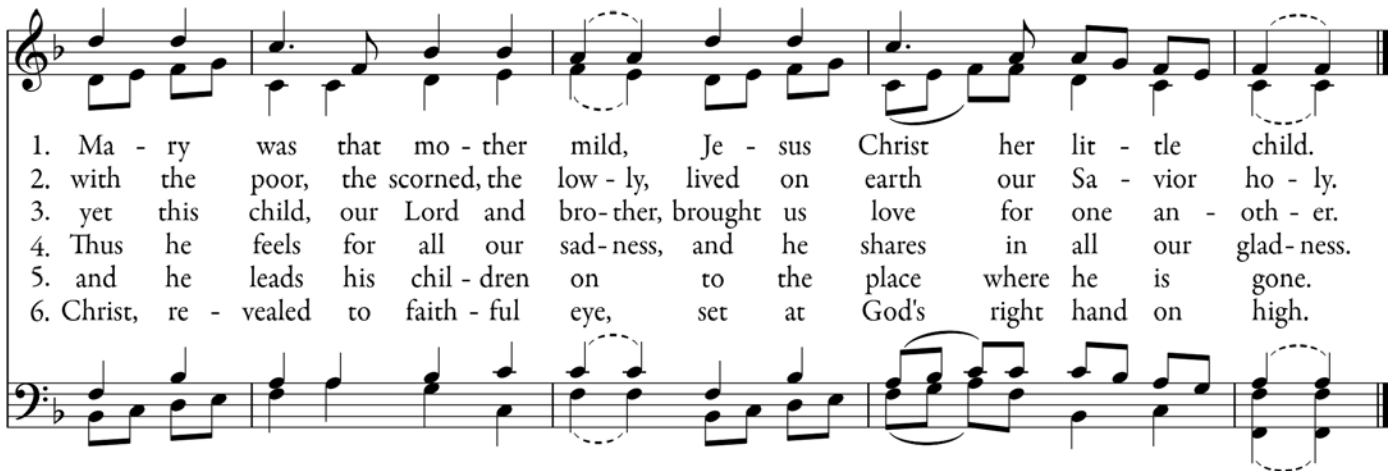
Irby



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.

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

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.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

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

Intercessor Joining our voices with all in heaven and on earth praising the Word made flesh in Jesus, let us pray for the world to which Christ comes, the Church whom Christ calls, and all people in need who Christ loves.

Silence is kept.

God of light, you illumine this darkened world with the radiance of your newborn Son. May this good news of great joy shine in our hearts this holy day, that all gloom and despair may be dispelled by the fullness of your grace and truth.

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor God of grace, you bestow your love upon the world in the birth of Jesus, so that all the ends of the earth shall see your salvation. Lead and guide the nations of the world and those who govern them, that your justice and peace may rule over all.

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor God of life, you enliven your Church with the story of your love, that forever we may lift up our voices and sing for joy. Renew the song of the Church that, even as the angels proclaimed the birth of Jesus, we too might proclaim the salvation of the world is with us.

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor God of truth, you speak and the earth trembles in awe. With all of creation, we break forth together into singing the praise of the Christ Child. Strengthen our resolve to care for all creation that its song may be clearly heard.

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor God of mercy and might, you show compassion to all. Shine your healing light on those who are alone and long for companionship, those who are rejected, weak, troubled or sick in body, mind, or spirit.

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor God with us, in every time and place the voices of saints and angels together proclaim the good news of great joy which is for all people. Blend our voices with theirs, and at the last day assemble us all around your heavenly throne to forever sing a joyful song to you.

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Presider Come to us, O God, and make your home with us, in us, and through us for the sake of the One whose birth the angels sing and the shepherds proclaim, Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

A babe is born

W. Mathias

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,

O lux beata Trinitas.

There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frankincense,
A solis ortus cardine.

(Anonymous, 15th century)

The angels came down with one cry,
A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:

Gloria tibi Domine.

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.

Veni Creator Spiritus. Noel!

The people stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,

ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with you is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Refrain

come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider 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

Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948)

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts. —
— Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name — of the Lord, —
— of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the
high - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Presider 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,

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

Presider 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

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

Verses 1 & 2 of the hymn are sung at the breaking of the bread. Verses 3 & 4 are sung following The Invitation to Holy Communion.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling
 2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he
 3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with sleep - less

stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing
 stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy
 way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of
 eye, veil their fa - ces to the Pres - ence, as with cease - less

in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
 and the Blood he will give to all the
 end - less day, that the powers of hell may
 voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - - - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.
 va - - - nish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - - - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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 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.

The people are seated.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Sing lullaby

Sing lullaby, sing lullaby,
 While snow doth gently fall.
 Sing lullaby to Jesus
 Born in an oxen's stall.
 Sing lullaby, sing lullaby.
 Sing lullaby to Jesus
 Born now in Bethlehem,
 The naked blackthorn's growing
 To weave his diadem.

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Sing lullaby to Jesus.
 Sing lullaby, sing lullaby,
 While thickly snow doth fall.
 Sing lullaby to Jesus,
 The Saviour of all.
 Sing lullaby, sing lullaby.

(F.W. Harvey, 1888-1957)

The people stand as able.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

Joy to the world!

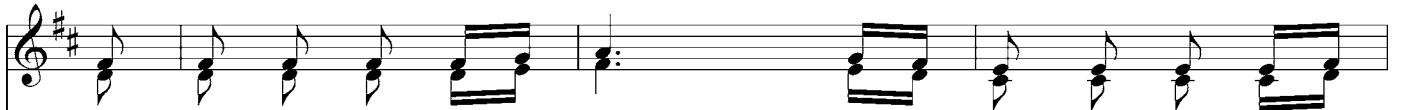
Antioch



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



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
groy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
prove; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,



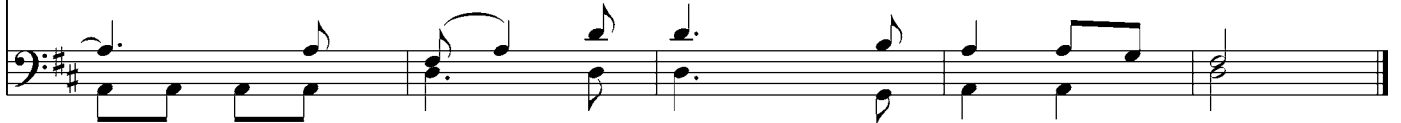
and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



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



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



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

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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

People Amen.

Presider 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

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 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!

DISMISSAL

Gospeller Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Final, from Symphony No. VI

L. Vierne



Following the service, the Washington Ringing Society will attempt a quarter peal to joyfully celebrate the Great Mystery of the Incarnation.



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

CHRISTMAS DAY ORGAN RECITAL

1:30 P.M.

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

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COVER: Detail of reredos stone carving of the nativity in Bethlehem Chapel. Photo by Danielle E. Thomas.

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