

# Christmas Eve

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST



WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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 fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and "M".

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, 2018 • 10:00 P.M.

*The people's responses are in bold.*

### CARILLON PRELUDE

<i>Three Christmas Carols</i>	Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>Forest Green</i> ; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)
<i>Variations on "Noël Nouvelet"</i>	E. Nassor
<i>In dulci jubilo</i> , from <i>A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year</i>	Roy Hamlin Johnson (b. 1929)
<i>An English Christmas Suite</i>	E. Nassor
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	<i>Mendelssohn</i> ; arr. Albert Gerken (b. 1938)
<i>Silent night</i>	<i>Stille Nacht</i> ; arr. Hans Hielscher (b. 1945)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

<i>In dulci jubilo</i> , BWV 729	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
<i>Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern</i> , BuxWV 223	Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)
<i>Christmas Suite</i>	Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)
<i>Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella</i>	arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)
<i>Fantasia on "Greensleeves"</i> , Op. 1131	Carson Cooman (b. 1982)
<i>Partita on "Adeste fideles"</i>	Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

### INTROIT

*Hush, my dear one* arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Hush, my dear one, sleep serenely;  
 Now, my lovely, slumber deep.  
 Mother rocks you, humming lowly;  
 Close your eyes, now go to sleep.  
 Angels hover ever nearer,  
 Looking on your smiling face.  
 I will hold you, close enfold you;  
 Close your eyes, go to sleep.  
 Lovely darling, I will guard you,  
 Keep you from all woe and harm.

Softly, gently I will rock you,  
 Resting sweetly on my arm.  
 May you slumber e'er so softly;  
 Dream of visions wondrous fair.  
 I will hold you, close enfold you;  
 Close your eyes, now go to sleep.  
 May you slumber e'er so softly;  
 Dream of visions wondrous fair.  
 I will hold you, close enfold you;  
 Close your eyes, now go to sleep.

*(Traditional Welsh carol)*

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The people stand as able.*

## 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.

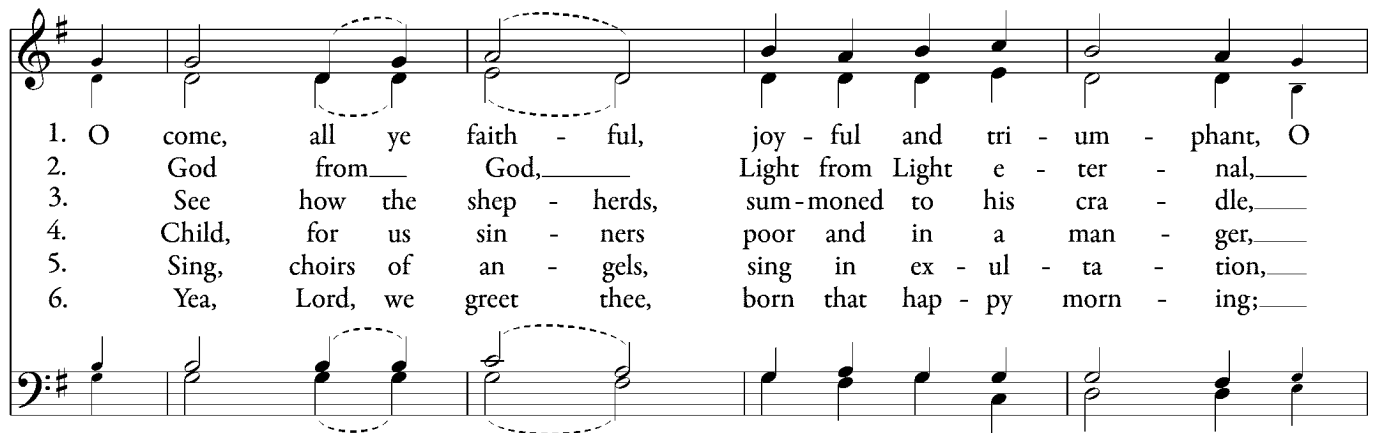
*Dean Hollerith* Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born of a pure Virgin: Bless, we pray, this crèche, that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes 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.

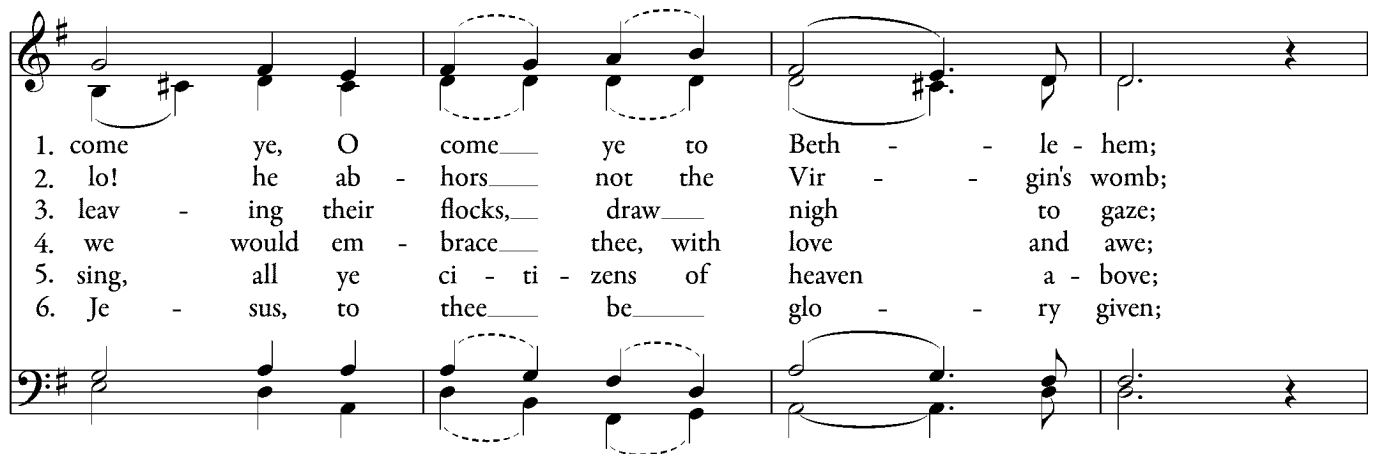
## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

*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 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;

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**

*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

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

*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.

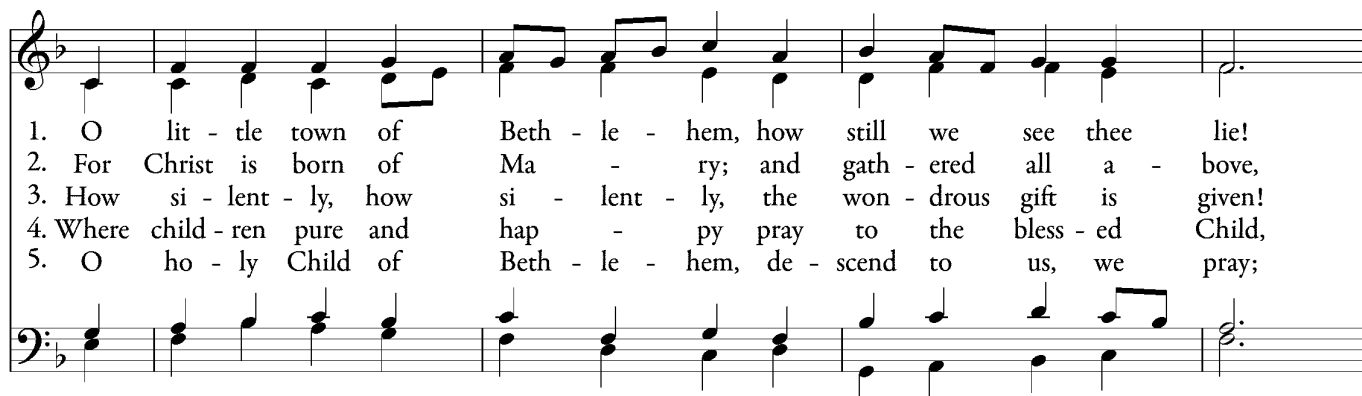
*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

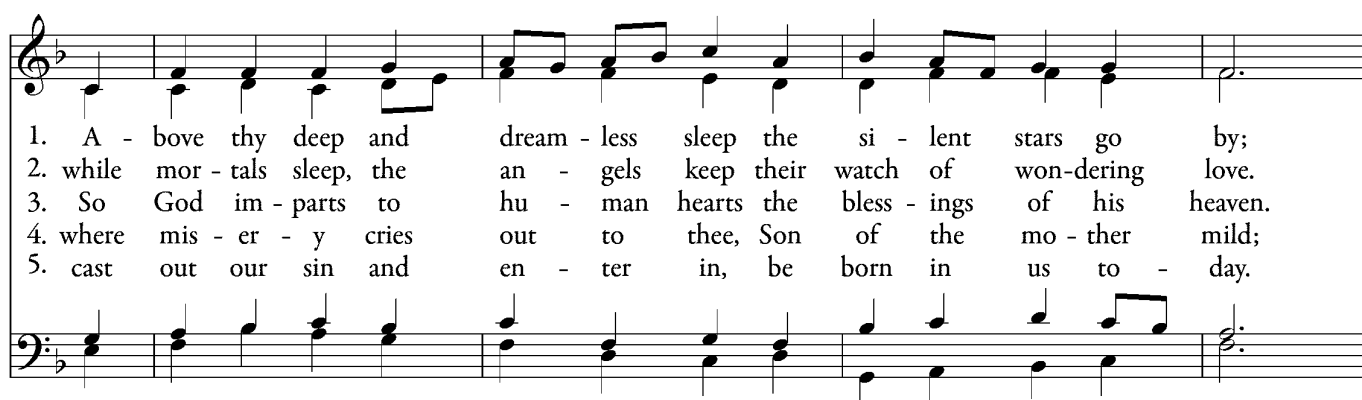
## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

*O little town of Bethlehem*

*Forest Green*



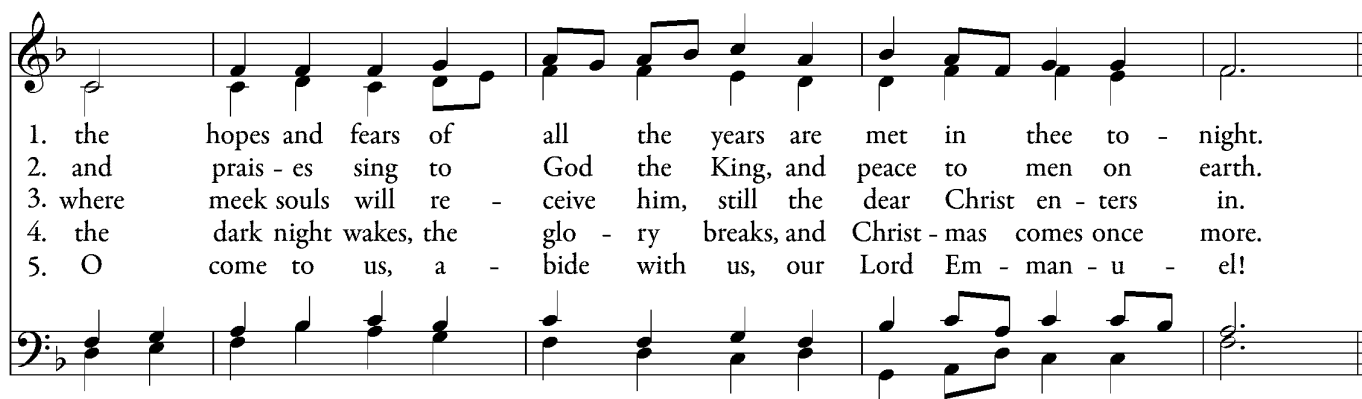
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
4. Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5. O ho - ly Child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



*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 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 whom Christ loves.

*Silence is kept.*

*People* Wonderful Counselor, in the fullness of time you became one of us and your wisdom from on high came down to make a home among us. On this holy night establish and uphold our world with your justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Mighty God, when the time had been fulfilled, you came down from heaven and became one with your creation by taking on our humanity. Enable and empower your Church to embrace your beloved humanity in its many and varied expressions. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Everlasting Father, when all was in readiness, you became flesh and blood to heal and redeem the world. May the light of Christ banish the darkness of global conflicts and strife, that the nations may rejoice in your light. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Prince of Peace, at the moment of your birth the night sky rang out with the song of the angels. Preserve the earth that peace might extend to every living creature. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Word of life, on the night of your birth you hallowed all time and all flesh. Expand the vision of this faith community to recognize and welcome your holy face in every human being, and acknowledge your sacred presence in every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*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. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Dean Hollerith* 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Dean Hollerith* 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 Scholars Program.*

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Ding dong! merrily on high*

Ding dong! merrily on high  
In heav'n the bells are ringing.  
Ding, dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel singing.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

(G.R. Woodward, 1884-1934)

E'en so here below, below  
Let steeple bells be swungen  
And *i-o, i-o, i-o,*  
By priest and people sungen  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Pray ye dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May ye beautifully rime  
Your evetime song, ye singers.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

*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

*Dean Hollerith* The Lord be with you.

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

*Dean Hollerith* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **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.**

*Dean Hollerith* 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. \_\_\_\_\_

*Dean Hollerith* 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;**

*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 say,

**Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,**

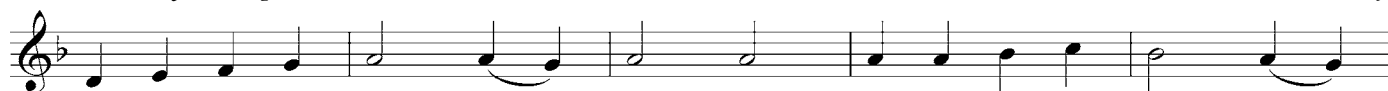
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## 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

Nativity Carol

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Born in a stable so bare,  
 Born so long ago;  
 Born 'neath light of star  
 He who loved us so.

*Refrain: Far away silent he lay,  
 Born today, your homage pay,  
 For Christ is born for aye,  
 Born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair,  
 Tender her lullaby;  
 Over her son so dear  
 Angel hosts fill the sky.

*Refrain*

Wise men from distant far land,  
 Shepherds from starry hills  
 Worship this babe so rare,  
 Hearts with his warmth he fills.

*Refrain*

Love in that stable was born  
 Into our hearts to flow;  
 Innocent dreaming babe,  
 Make me thy love to know.

*Refrain*

(J. Rutter)

*The people stand as able.*

## HYMN AFTER THE COMMUNION

*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 you 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

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

*The bishop blesses the people, and the people respond, 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!



## THE 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



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.

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## CHRISTMAS DAY ORGAN RECITAL

1:30 P.M.

Join us on Christmas Day 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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