

Christmas Eve

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST



WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and welcome home! We are so glad to have you here during this holy season. Please know that this Cathedral is your Cathedral; it is a house of prayer for all people, and you are always welcome here.

The good news of great joy to be found during the Christmas season centers not only around gatherings of family and friends, but also in the proclamation of the marvelous work God is doing in the midst of human history. It is the season when we proclaim God's good news that we are loved so much that God became one of us in order to lift all of us up to God. It is the astounding news that the infinite God who created all things loves us, not by lording over us, but by humbling God's self to be born a helpless infant in a stable in Palestine. As Christians, all our hopes rest on this newborn baby—his life, his death, and his resurrection.

Whatever brings you to the Cathedral this Christmas season, please know that we gather to proclaim what many people would consider preposterous—that love is the strongest force in the universe. It is more powerful than all that divides us. It is more powerful than the greatest of rulers or the most powerful of armies. It is the force that formed the universe and the essence of the very God we gather to worship. In Jesus we believe that God's love is perfected, and because Jesus walked this earth as one of us, we believe that by God's grace, we can mold our lives on his.

Whether you regularly participate in our worshiping community or this is your first time in the Cathedral, we are honored to have you here. I have no doubt that God has brought you to this place for a reason, and I hope and pray that you will know the deep presence of God moving in your life. There is so much joy to be found in these Christmas celebrations, and as we journey together to meet the newborn babe in Bethlehem, may you feel the touch of God upon your heart. God has come among us, the world is forever changed, and love reigns supreme.

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

Blessings,

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



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

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The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

O come, all ye faithful
O little town of Bethlehem
Angels, from the realms of glory
Carol from Little Bell Book for Carillon
What child is this
God rest you merry, gentlemen
Shepherds, come to the stable
Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Away in a manger
Angels we have heard on high
Hark! the herald angels sing
Silent night

Adeste fideles; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
St. Louis; arr. Kamiel Lefevere (1888-1984)
Regent Square; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)
 Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)
Greensleeves; arr. E. M. Nassor
 arr. M. Myhre
 Theodorus Everaerts (1690-1740)
Picardy; arr. Ronald Barnes (1927-1997)
Cradle Song; arr. M. Myhre
Gloria; arr. Frank P. Law (1918-1985)
Mendelssohn; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b.1938)
Stille Nacht; arr. Hans Uwe Hielscher (b. 1945)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A major, BWV 536
Noël étranger
Greensleeves
Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BuxWV 188
Partita on "Adeste fideles"
Toccata on "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
 Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
 Richard Purvis (1913-1994)
 Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
 Charles Callahan (b. 1951)
 Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)

INTROIT

Away in a manger
 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
 And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

arr. Reginald Jacques (1894-1969)
 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
 And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

(Anonymous)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as able.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

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

Sung by all.

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

Sung by all.

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.

People **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 96:1-4, 11-13

chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

The choir introduces the refrain; 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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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 at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Angels we have heard on high

Sung by all.

Gloria

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.

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 Everlasting God, let your radiance shine forth and renew in your people an eager desire to proclaim the good news of salvation to those who still wait in darkness. God of light and peace,
Hear us, we pray.

Intercessor Creating God, on this blessed night the heavens and the earth rejoice. Make us ever mindful of our calling to be faithful stewards of all you have given us, so that generations to come may flourish and praise you. God of light and peace,

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor Peacemaking God, bring glad tidings of peace to the ends of the earth. Lead and guide the nations of the world and those who govern them, that your justice and peace may rule over all. God of light and peace,

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor Wonderful Counselor, shelter those who seek refuge and safety but find no welcome. Bring hope to the lives of those who are lost or helpless. Send your Spirit of healing and comfort to all who are in need. God of light and peace,

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor Mighty God, watch over those who are lonely or grieving. Bless all who seek you, and open our hearts to receive the gift of your love. God of light and peace,

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Intercessor God with us in every time and place, your steadfast love never ends. We give thanks for the faithful of every generation as we wait in hope to join the multitude of the heavenly hosts in praising and glorifying you forever. God of light and peace,

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Dean Hollerith 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.

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

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world. You may also text the dollar amount you wish to give to (202) 856-9005.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

O holy night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.

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

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856), arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger,
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly, he taught us to love one another;
His law is love, and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his Name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his holy Name.

Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we;
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

(Placide Cappeau, 1808-1877; English translation John Sullivan Dwight, 1813-1893, alt.)

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Angels, from the realms of glory

Sung by all.

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

Sung by all.

Picardy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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."

People Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
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

Dean Hollerith breaks the bread in silence.

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 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.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Sung by all.

Picardy

1. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the
2. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with sleep - less
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
end - less day, that the powers of hell may
voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
va - - nish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

Sung in Latin.

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the birth of the Lord and him lying in a manger.
O blessed Virgin, whose womb was worthy to carry the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

(Matins Responsory for Christmas Day)

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

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 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

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.

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

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fantasy on "Adeste fideles," Op. 1322
(World premiere)

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)



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

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

11:15 AM

ORGAN RECITAL

1:30 PM

Organists Thomas Sheehan and George Fergus play a Christmas recital of traditional and familiar holiday favorites on the Cathedral's Great Organ.

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