

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING DECEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 24, 2011

CARILLON PRELUDE

A prelude of familiar Christmas carols arranged for the carillon

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Le Monde dans l'attente du Saveur, from Symphonie-Passion Op. 23 Resonet in laudibus In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

WELCOME

INTROIT

Rocking

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir; we will lend a coat of fur, we will rock you, rock you, rock you, we will rock you, rock you, rock you we will rock you warm, snugly round your tiny form. Mary's little baby sleep, sweetly sleep, sleep in comfort, slumber deep; we will rock you, rock you, rock you, we will rock you, rock you we will serve you all we can, darling, darling little man.

Sung by all, standing.

Czech Carol; trans. Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O come, all ye faithful

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BIDDING

Beloved ones, we meet in this holy season with excitement and joy as we anticipate the wondrous gift of the birth of Jesus. As the shepherds huddled around the manger to welcome the Holy Child, so we gather to hear the transforming story and to offer God our thanksgiving with songs of praise.

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971) Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

arr. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

Adeste fideles

In the warmth of this sacred space, let us pray.

Dear God, help us to remember those who are cold and alone, that they might find a warm place for rest and the companionship of others. Bring strength to all who live and work in the midst of violence; give comfort to those who are in distress; give the joyous a heart for the grieving, and above all, make our lives show forth your love in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The people are seated.

FIRST LESSON

In which the prophet proclaims hope for the future

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.

A period of silent reflection follows each reading.

CAROL

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.* Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance. In a manger laid and wrap'd I was, so very poor, this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: *English Carol*

SECOND LESSON

In which the prophet proclaims that God will come andsave us

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CAROL

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the tree of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have brought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

from "Divine Hymns of Spiritual Songs"

Anthony Piccolo (b. 1946)

arr. D. Willcocks

Isaiah 35:1–10

Isaiah 9:2–7

HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem

Sung by all, standing.

Forest Green



The people are seated.

THIRD LESSON

In which the angel Gabriel appears to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Angelus ad Virginem

arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Angelus ad Virginem subintrans in conclave, virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit, 'Ave! Ave, Regina virginum; coeli terraeque Dominum concipies et paries intacta salutem hominum; tu porta coeli facta, medela criminum. Quomodo conciperem quae virum non cognovi? Qualiter infringerem quod firma mente vovi? Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet haec omnia; ne timeas, sed gaudeas, secura quod castimonia manebit in te pura Dei potentia.' Ad haec Virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei: 'Ancilla sum humilis Omipotentis Dei. Tibi coelestinuntio, tanti secreti conscio, consentiens, et crupiens Videre Factum quod audio; parata sum parere, Dei consilio.' Eia Mater Domini, quae pacem reddidisti Angelis et homini, cum Christum genuisti; tuum exora Filium ut se nobis propitium exhibeat, et deleat peccata: praestans auxilium vita frui beata post hoc exilium. Deo Gracias, Deo Gracias!

The angel, coming secretly to the Virgin, calming the Virgin's fear, said: "Hail, Mary, Queen of Virgins! You shall conceive the Lord of Heaven and Earth and give birth, remaining a virgin, to the Salvation of mankind; you, made the Gateway of Heaven, the cure for sin." "How shall I conceive, since I know not a man? How shall I break what I have resolutely vowed?: The grace of the Holy Spirit shall perform all this. Fear not, but rejoice, confident that chastity will remain pure in you by the power of God." At this, the noble Virgin, replying, said to him: "I am the humble servant of almighty God. To you, heavenly messenger, who know so great a secret, I give my assent and desire to see done what I hear, and am ready to obey God's will." O Mother of the Lord, who restored peace to angels and men when you gave birth to Christ, beg of your Son that he may show himself favourable to us and wipe away our sins, offering help to enjoy the blessed life after this exile.

thirteenth century English

FOURTH LESSON

In which John the Baptist is born

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

CAROL

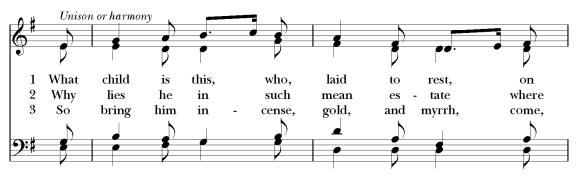
Down in yon forest

Ding, dong, ding, dong. Down in yon forest there stands a hall; the bells of Paradise I hear them ring; it's covered all over with purple and pall: and I love my Lord Jesus above anything. The bells of Paradise I hear them ring: it's covered all over with scarlet so red: and I love my Lord Jesus above anything. At the bedside there lies a stone: sweet Mary knelt upon. I love o'er all thing. At the bed's foot there grows a thorn: the bells of Paradise I heard them ring: which ever blows blossom since he was born: and I love my Lord Jesus above anything. Over that bed the moon shines bright: the bells of Paradise I heard them ring: proclaiming our Savior was born this night: and I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Sung by all, standing.

HYMN

What child is this?



arr. A. Carter



The people are seated.

FIFTH LESSON

In which the angels announce the birth of the Messiah

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!"

CAROL

Ding dong! Merrily on high

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angelsinging. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!* Ee'n so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and *io, io, io,* by priest and people sungen! Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may you beautifully rime your evetime song, you singers!

SIXTH LESSON

In which the shepherds go to Bethlehem to see the Savior

Luke 2:15–20

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.

CAROL

Hodie Christus natus est

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621)

Hodie Christus natus est hodie Salvator apparuit hodie in terra canunt angeli, lætantur archangeli hodie exsultant justi dicentes gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia, noe.

Today Christ is born. Today the Savior 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.

Antiphon on the Magnificat, Vespers of Christmas Day

The people stand.

HYMN

Sung by all.

Antioch



MEDITATION

INVITING THE OFFERING

The Cathedral has received a \$500,000 holiday matching challenge for all new gifts or pledges to support the Cathedral's mission. Every dollar you contribute tonight, using the envelope provided at the back of this leaflet, will be doubled. Alms basins will be passed by ushers to collect the offering. Thank you for your generosity.

After the offering has been received, the congregation's tapers will be lighted from the Advent wreath by the acolytes. To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame. We ask the congregation to be mindful of their own safety, and that of others, when holding lighted candles.

OFFERTORY CAROL

O holy night

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

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. 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; He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger; behold you 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 pow'r and glory ever more proclaim.

Placide Cappeau (1808–1877) tr. John Sullivan Dwight (1813–1893)

PRAYERS

The people stand and make the responses printed in **bold**.

Dear People of God, Jesus Christ has been sent to us to be our Savior and given as the Light of the world. That our lives may radiate the presence of Christ to all who dwell on earth we announce, Christ is born this night: **Rejoice with heart and soul.**

As the Church welcomes anew this celebration of the birth of Christ, may our hearts open to the boundless love of the Everlasting Father for all creation. May we receive Christ as divine love and light, shattering the powers of darkness. Christ is born this night:

Rejoice with heart and soul.

Prince of Peace, draw near and dispel every sign of strife, every rumor of war, and every hateful impulse that God's reign of peace may begin on earth as in heaven. Christ is born this night: **Rejoice with heart and soul.**

Mighty God, from the poverty of the stable you pour forth the riches of grace and truth on the poor and hungry, the despairing and distressed, and all suffering from illness and trouble. As children of your blessing may we work to raise up the lowly. Christ is born this night:

Rejoice with heart and soul.

Merciful God, in Christ you took on our humanity reconciling us to the fullness of life with God. May those who are dying and those who have died know the light of God's unending day. Christ is born this night: **Rejoice with heart and soul.**

We give thanks to you, Holy God, for in Jesus you have come among us as one of us. In human fragility you have revealed the numinous face of divinity. Gather into your arms the peoples of the world that in your embrace all may inherit the divine blessing of peace and joy. **Amen.**

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Canon Cope Bishop Mariann

Friday evening Saturday evening Let us pray together in the words that Christ has taught us.

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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

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.**



BLESSING

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. And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you alway. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

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

Please gently extinguish your candles and hold them upright until the wax hardens to avoid dripping wax. When you departure please place used tapers in the baskets provided.

POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. Keith Chapman (1945–1989)

A gift in support of services in celebration of Christ's birth is made to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the William Carter Dulin and Maurine Stuart Dulin Families.

FLOWERS THROUGHOUT THE CATHEDRAL ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD. The flowers at the high altar are given in memory of Hibbard G. James and in memory of Philip H. Hulley and Margaret Hulley Watzek, beloved father and mother, and Charles Harlan Watzek, beloved stepfather; flowers on the candelabra at the high altar are given in loving memory of Mary Russell and Charles Bounds; flowers at the altar in St. Mary's Chapel are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, and in loving memory of Robert Marsden Goodchild and the Reverend and Mrs. Norman Egerton; flowers at the altar in Holy Spirit Chapel are given in memory of Ann Wilson and Rosanna Milner Warner; flowers at the altar in St. John's Chapel are given in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends; flowers at the altar in Children's Chapel are given in memory of Wayne Evan Matejik; flowers at the Christ Child tree are given 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; flowers at the font in Children's Chapel are given in joyful thanksgiving for Jane and Anne Guidera and Jack and Will Rogstad; flowers at the altar in War Memorial Chapel are given in memory of Margaret H. Howard; flowers in Dulin Bay are given in memory of and in thanksgiving for Blanche Scott Dulin, Edward Milton Dulin, Sr., and Dr. William C. Dulin; flowers in Folger Bay are given in memory of J. Clifford Folger; flowers at the altar in Bethlehem Chapel are given in honor of David, Michael, and Peter Lee, and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Katherine Anne Baylor and Brian William Bartholomay; flowers at the Angus Dun Font are given in honor of Helen Barnard and in thanksgiving for her service to the Cathedral; flowers at the altar in Resurrection Chapel are given in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends; flowers at the columbarium gate in St. Joseph's Chapel are given in memory of Constantine and Marion Seferlis; and the ushers' carnations are given in memory of Lieutenant James Norbert Matthews.

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