

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

2012



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
IN THE CITY & EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

On behalf of Mariann Edgar Budde, the Bishop of Washington, and on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter and the Cathedral staff, I welcome you to Washington National Cathedral's celebration of Christmas. You are here at one of Christianity's three most holy times (Easter and Pentecost being the others)—a day on which we give thanks for the coming among us of God in the life and witness of Jesus. Christmas is about what theologians call the Incarnation—the “enfleshment”—of God in us. God has become one of us in Jesus. From now on, we human beings and all that we are—our joys, our sorrows, our achievements, our losses—is blessed and transformed by God's healing and freeing love.

Because God comes among us in a child born in humble surroundings, Christians have always seen this holiday as a specially important reminder of the preciousness of children and of all those who are most vulnerable in our society. We gather at a time of great national sadness following the events in Newtown, Connecticut. In this season celebrating peace on earth and goodwill toward all, Bishop Budde and I have called the Diocese of Washington and the Cathedral into a renewed witness to stand with and for all victims of violence, and we invite you to join us by both prayer and action in that effort.

Christmas is a time both for thanksgiving and renewal. As we gather in this beautiful space, both our liturgy and our music remind us both of how much we have to be thankful for and how urgently God calls each of us to be agents of love and healing in a broken world. We hope that you will find tonight's worship both soothing and stirring, and that you will leave here both comforted and renewed in your commitment to love God by serving human beings created in God's image. To learn more about our ministry and ways for you to engage in and support it, please visit our website at www.nationalcathedral.org.

Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. R. Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Gary Hall
Dean of the Cathedral

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
DECEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 24, 2012

CARILLON PRELUDE

<i>Unto us a boy is born</i>	from <i>Piae Cantiones</i> , 1582 ; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)
<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	<i>Adeste fideles</i> ; arr. Ronald Barnes (1927–1997)
<i>Rosa Mystica</i>	Roy Hamlin Johnson (b. 1929)
<i>A Virgin Most Pure</i>	Anonymous; arr. M. Myhre
<i>See Amid the Winter's Snow</i>	John Goss (1800–1880); arr. M. Myhre
<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>Forest Green</i> ; arr. M. Myhre
<i>What child is this?</i>	<i>Greensleeves</i> ; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b.1957)
<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750); arr. Percival Price (1901–1985)
<i>Ding dong merrily on high</i>	Jehan Tabourot (1519-1595) arr. Edward M. Nassor
<i>Joy to the world! the Lord is come</i>	<i>Antioch</i> ; arr. Frank P. Law (1917–1985)
<i>Silent night, holy night</i>	<i>Stille Nacht</i> ; arr. F.P. Law
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	<i>Mendelssohn</i> ; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

<i>Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein BWV 734</i>	J.S. Bach
<i>In dulci jubilo BWV 608</i>	J.S. Bach
<i>In dulci jubilo, Op. 28, No. 41</i>	Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)
<i>Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella</i>	Keith Chapman (1945–1989)
<i>Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122 No. 8</i>	Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
<i>Noël Étranger</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)
<i>Noël X</i>	L.C. Daquin
<i>A Festive Voluntary – Variations on Good King Wenceslas</i>	Petr Eben (b. 1929)

WELCOME

INTROIT

<i>A Boy was born</i>	Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)
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A Boy was born in Bethlehem; rejoice for that, Jerusalem! Alleluya. He let himself a servant be, that all mankind he might set free: Alleluya. Then praise the Word of God who came to dwell within a human frame: Alleluya.

16th century German; trans. Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION*Sung by all, standing.**Adeste fideles**O come, all ye faithful*


O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

ACCLAMATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Officiant Good news and great joy to all the world: a Savior is born in Bethlehem.
People O come let us adore him.

BIDDING

Beloved in Christ, we come to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem; to see the loving-kindness of God, and the Holy Child, lying in a manger. Give us by your grace, O God, such love and wonder that, with shepherds and angels and pilgrims unknown, we too may adore the child Jesus: Prince of peace, Shepherd of hearts, Joy of the earth.

Yet first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and of all people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the Church he did build; for goodwill among all the nations of the earth.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and little children; and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, saying each in our own language the words that Christ himself has taught us.

People 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 people are seated.

CAROL

Chanticleer

Richard W. Dirksen (1921–2003)

All this night shrill Chanticleer, day's proclaiming trumpeter, claps his wings and loudly cries, Mortals, mortals, wake and rise! See a wonder heaven is under; from the earth is risen a Sun, shines all night though day be done. Wake, O earth, wake everything! Wake and hear the joy I bring; wake and joy; for all this night heaven and every twinkling light, all amazing still stand gazing angels, powers and all that be, wake, and joy this Sun to see. Hail, O Sun, O blessed Light, sent into the world by night! Let thy rays and heavenly powers shine in these dark souls of ours; for most duly thou art truly God and Man we do confess: Hail, O Sun of Righteousness!

William Austin (1587–1634)

FIRST LESSON

In which the prophet proclaims hope for the future

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.

A period of silent reflection follows each reading.

CAROL*Adam lay ybounden*

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

Deo, Deo gracias! Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand, four thousand winter thought he not too long. *Deo, Deo gracias!* And all was for an apple, an apple that he took as clerkes finden, written in their book. *Deo, Deo gracias!* Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady abeen heav'ne queen. Blessed be the time the apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen *Deo gracias!*

SECOND LESSON*In which the prophet proclaims that God will come and save us*

Isaiah 35:1–10

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*Christ's Nativity*

Ben Parry (b. 1965)

Awake! Awake, glad heart! Get up and sing! It is the birthday of thy King. Awake! The sun doth shake light from his locks, and all the way breathing perfumes, doth spice the day. I would I were some bird, or star, flutt'ring in woods, or lifted far above this inn and road of sin! Then either star or bird should be shining or singing still to thee.

HYMN

Sung by all, standing.

O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

Unison or harmony

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!

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

O magnum mysterium

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluja.

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

Matins Responsory, Feast of the Nativity

FOURTH LESSON

In which John the Baptist is born

Luke 1:57–80

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

arr. A. Carter

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. In that hall there stands bed; 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: the bells of Paradise I heard them ring; sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon: and I love my Lord Jesus above anything. 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.

HYMN

Joy to the world!

Sung by all, standing.

Antioch

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

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

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

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 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 people are seated.

FIFTH LESSON

In which the angels announce the birth of the Messiah

Luke 2:1-14

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!

The people stand.

HYMN

The congregation joins on the second stanza.

Once in Royal David's city

Irby

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
 *3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly
 *5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:15–20

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

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.

MEDITATION

Sunday evening
Monday evening

Canon Cope
 Bishop Mariann

INVITING THE OFFERING

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

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 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 pow'r and glory ever more proclaim.

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

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

Officiant All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People **Glory to you, O Christ!**

Officiant O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word, sustaining the universe: Renew our lives by your presence.

People **Glory to you, O Christ!**

Officiant O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem: May your church be a sign of hope and joy.

People **Glory to you, O Christ!**

Officiant O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations: Fulfill our desires in you.

People **Glory to you, O Christ!**

Officiant O Christ, born of the virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor, mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace: May the whole world live in peace and justice.

People **Glory to you, O Christ!**

CONCLUDING COLLECTS

All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

HYMN

Silent night

Sung by all.

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent Jesus to take our nature upon himself, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

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

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Sung by all, standing.

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 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

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.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

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.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

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!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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Final, from Organ Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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