Festival Holy Eucharist Christmas Eve 2008



Washington National Cathedral

TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE A MIRACLE. Like the angel, who heralded glad tidings to the shepherds, we meet this holy night to sing the joy of Jesus' birth. Eternity enters time with a child in Bethlehem. Yet this birth is not as we might expect, not a magisterial or glorious arrival but a simple and vulnerable coming. A tiny baby, swaddled in rags, makes God's glory known to us. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth."

Christmas is a celebration of the fact that, out of love, God took our human form with all its frailties. In a very real sense it is also our own birth which we celebrate tonight—a spiritual birth of the Divine Presence made new in our lives. We at Washington National Cathedral pray that this Christmas brings us closer to God who reaches out to meet us in surprising ways. Our prayer is that God's light will shine forth in our lives, that we may bear Christ's love to the world and to one another.

CARILLON PRELUDE

O Come, all ye faithful

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Novena Di Natale per campane

Little Fife - The Flock and the Angel - The Manger - Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Angels we have heard on high

Angels, from the realms of glory

The Nativity - A triptych for carillon

Pastorale - Gloria - Cradle Song

Adeste fideles

Antioch

Nino Rota (1911-1979)

Excelsis Deo

Gloria

Regent Square

Ronald Barnes (1927-1997)

O little town of Bethlehem
Away in a manger, no crib for his bed
Silent night, holy night
Hark! the herald angels sing

Forest Green
Cradle Song
Stille Nacht
Mendelssohn

ORGAN PRELUDE

Le Monde dans l'attente du Sauveur, Op. 23 Marcel Dupré (1886–1971) Nativité, Op. 23 M. Dupré Puer natus in Bethlehem, BWV 603 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV 605 J. S. Bach In dulci jubilo, BWV 608 J. S. Bach A Festive Voluntary (Variations on 'Good King Wenceslas') Petr Eben (1929–2007) Fum! Fum! Fum! arr. Richard Lind (b. 1943) Adeste Fideles Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968) Go, tell it on the mountain arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951) Prelude on "Greensleeves" Richard Purvis (1913–1994)

God rest you merry, gentlemen



ORGAN PRELUDE

Vom himmel hoch

Garth Edmundson (1900–1971)

WELCOME Dean Lloyd

INTROIT

What cheer?

Sung by the choir.

William Walton (1902-1983)

What cheer? Good cheer!

'Lift up your hearts and be glad in Christ's birth', the angel bade.

Say each to other, if any be sad: "What cheer?"

Now the King of heav'n his birth hath take,

joy and mirth we ought to make.

Say each to other, for his sake: "What cheer?"

I tell you all with heart so free:

right welcome, ye be to me;

be glad and merry, for charity! What cheer? Good cheer!

Be merry and glad this good New Year!

16th century

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand.



CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

Presider The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

People And all flesh shall see it together.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

SONG OF PRAISE

Sung by all.

Antioch

Joy to the world



COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes again

in glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; 11:4a, 5-6

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 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. With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

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

Silence follows the reading.

PSALM 96 chant: Thalben-Ball

The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.



The choir sings the verses.

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.



HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Sung by all.

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high



THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1–14

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!"

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON at 6 pm Dean Lloyd at 10 pm Bishop Chane

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

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

The choir first sings the response; then all join in singing it again.



The people sing the response after the intercessor offers the prayers.

Intercessor Incarnate God, your angel host announces that peace is born among us, embodied in frail flesh. With

confidence in the power of that miracle, we bring you our prayers for the church and the world.

That the child born to us may awaken us to heal this broken and hurting world, and that the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field will be realized in every place of war and on every violent

street, we pray to you, O God.

People Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body.

Intercessor That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor will bring wholeness and healing to all who

are afflicted with illness and disease, and that in this time of gift-giving, our lives may be offerings of

hope to those who are grieving, we pray to you, O God.

People Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body.

Intercessor That as you entered the world in the poverty of the stable, you would instill in us the courage to

dismantle the barriers that separate rich from poor, so that we may build together the just world you

intended, we pray to you, O God.

People Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body.

Intercessor That the blessed hope we celebrate this night may be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us,

knitting your people into shared life for all eternity, we pray to you, O God.

People Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body.

Intercessor Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children.

Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us. Fill us with your light, that as we walk in the way of peace, we may join our voices with heaven and earth in singing songs of gladness, we pray to

you, O God.

People Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Ding dong! merrily on high

Sung by the choir.

arr. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

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!*

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!*

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

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because, in the incarnation of the Word made flesh in Christ Jesus, a new light has dawned upon the world; you have become one of us that we might become one with you in your

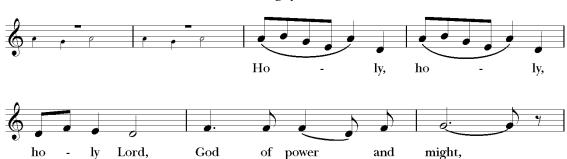
glorious reign.

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.

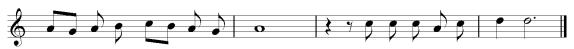
William Mathias (1934–1992)





heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the





comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand as the presider continues.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

All 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 Mary and Joseph 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, O God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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

Sung by all. Al-le-lu-ia! Al - le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu The Word made flesh brings ia! and peace. Al - le - lu grace There - fore with joy keep the feast. wc Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu ia! ia!

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist.

To receive communion, come to a communion station at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or, if you wish, you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please make your need known to the minister.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over your chest; this will alert the priest of your desire to receive a blessing.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

I wonder as I wander

Sung by the choir.

arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die. For poor on'ry people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all, But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King. O little town of Bethlehem



ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Born in a stable so bare,

Nativity Carol

Sung by the choir.

J. Rutter

Cradle Song

Born so long ago;
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so.
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.

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

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

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION

Sung by all.

Away in a manger









HYMN AFTER THE COMMUNION

Sung by all.

Stille Nacht

Silent night



We give you thanks, O God, for you have visited your people. In the human frailty of your Son Jesus Christ you have revealed the face of divinity. Gather into your arms all the people of the world, so that in your embrace we might share your peace and goodwill which is the inheritance of your children everywhere. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Bishop

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered all things earthly and heavenly into one, bestow upon you the fullness of joy and peace; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.





THE DISMISSAL

Gospeller Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 Final from Symphonie I, Op. 14 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

THE 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; 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; flowers at the altar in St. John's Chapel are given in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends, and in loving memory of Barbara Baker Van Arsdale and Carlyle Herman and Virginia Sloat Jones; 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 memory of William Donald and Elsie Jeannette Rolar and in honor of and thanksgiving for Rebecca and James Ellingsworth; 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; 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 altar in St. Joseph's Chapel are given in memory of Laurence Alan Rogers; flowers at the columbarium gates in St. Joseph's Chapel are given to memory of Marion and Constantine Seferlis; and the ushers' carnations are given in memory of Lieutenant James Norbert Matthews.

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