

THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE TWO
DECEMBER 28, 2008
AT ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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Cathedral Singers*

CARILLON PRELUDE

Angels from the realms of glory

Regent Square

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium on "Vom himmel hoch"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The people remain seated.

WELCOME

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as the choir sings.

INTROIT

What cheer?

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

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 100 *Sung by all.*

Joy to the world

Antioch

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The glory of the Lord has been revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together.
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

SONG OF PRAISE

Sung by all.

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

An-gels we have heard on high, sing-ing sweet-ly through the night,
 and the moun-tains in re-ply ech-o-ing their brave de-light.
 Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.
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THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

The presider prays the collect, and the people respond Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

The lesson is read.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13-21

chant: Elvey

The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.

It is good to sing prais-es to our God.

The choir sings the verses.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion;
 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
 he has blessed your children within you.
 He has established peace on your borders;
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
 He sends out his command to the earth,
 and his word runs very swiftly.
 He gives snow like wool;
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;
 who can stand against his cold?
 He sends forth his word and melts them;
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
 He declares his word to Jacob,
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
 He has not done so to any other nation;
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

All sing the antiphon.

It is good to sing prais-es to our God.

The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is read.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

Canon Peterson

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

After each intercession,

Light of the world,
Shine in our hearts.

The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The presider offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

THE OFFERTORY

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

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

arr. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

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.

The people stand to sing and remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving.

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION

Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square



An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
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:
come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy

A Community Mass

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven_____ and earth_____ are full_____ of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes_____ in the name_____ of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O God, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

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.

The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's realm. The people affirm the Great Thanksgiving with AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please make your need known to the minister. If you desire to receive prayers for healing, you are invited to proceed to the high altar after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Wexford Carol

arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done in sending his beloved son. With Mary holy we should pray, to God with love this Christmas Day; in Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born. The night before that happy tide the noble Virgin and her guide were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: from every door repelled, alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but a humble oxen stall. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to whom God's angel did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. 'Prepare and go', the angels said. 'To Bethlehem, be not afraid; for there you'll find, this happy morn a princely babe, sweet Jesus born.' With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold they did our Saviour Christ behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by his side the virgin maid, attending on the Lord of Life, who came on earth to end all strife.

Traditional Irish

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 101

Away in a manger

Sung by all, standing.

Cradle Song

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, standing.

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.

BLESSING

The presider blesses the people. The people respond Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 109, STANZAS 1-3, 6

The first Nowell

The First Nowell

THE DISMISSAL

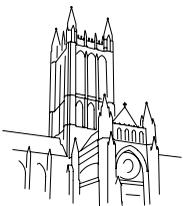
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G major

Théodore Dubois (1837-1934)

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