



# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
DECEMBER 25, 2009  
AT NINE AM

## WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III, presider*  
*The Reverend Canon Carol L. Wade, gospeller and children's homilist*  
*The Rt. Reverend John Bryson Chane, preacher*  
*The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls*

### **CARILLON PRELUDE**

*Hark! The herald angels sing*  
*Joy to the world*  
*Gloria from The Nativity-A triptych for carillon*  
*Angels from the realms of glory*  
*O come, all ye faithful*

*Mendelssohn*  
*Antioch*  
Ronald Barnes (1927-1997)  
*Regent Square*  
*Adeste fideles*

### **BRASS PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

## **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

*The people stand for the procession and sing.*

### **HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 83; STANZAS 1-3, 6**

*O come, all ye faithful*

*Adeste fideles*

### **THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy:  
a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.  
Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
Glory to God for ever and ever.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO** *Sung by the choir.*  
*from Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis Deo*

Joseph Haydn  
(1732-1809)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Filiunigenite Jesus Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi. Suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris: miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY**

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

*The presider prays the Collect and the people respond Amen.*

*The people are seated.*

### **READING**

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. And 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 and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together. And a little child shall lead them.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **CAROL**

*The Holly and the Ivy*

arr. Reginald Jacques (1894-1969)

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. *The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.* The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lilly flower; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Saviour. The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, for to do us sinners good. The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, on Christmas day in the morn. The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, for to redeem us all.

*Traditional English*

*The people stand.*

### **HYMN 93**

*Sung by all.*

*Angels, from the realms of glory*

*Regent Square*

*All are seated for the telling of the Gospel story and the homily.*

### **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**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.

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

#### SERMON

Bishop Chane

*The people stand.*

#### NICENE CREED

*Said by all.*

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

*All sing the response at the intercessor's prompt.*

We pray to you, O God.



#### 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 HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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)

The people stand and remain standing through the Great Thanksgiving.


## PRESENTATION HYMN

Sung by all.


On this day earth shall ring

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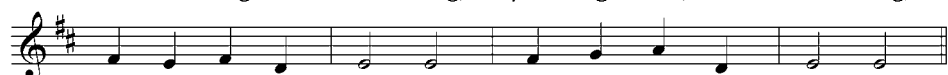
*Introduction*



On this day earth shall ring  
On this day an - gels sing;

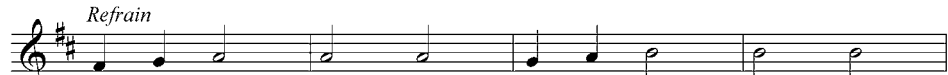


with the song chil - dren sing to the Son, Christ our King,  
with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,




born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

*Refrain*



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

## 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

Sung by all.

Holy, holy, holy

William Mathias (1934-1992)



Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The presider gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection, and recalls before God the institution of the Lord's Supper.*

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

*The presider gives thanks to God and prays over the bread and 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 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, Almighty God, now and for ever.

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**

*Sung by all.*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Sung by the choir.*

The Word made flesh brings grace and peace.  
 Therefore with joy we keep the feast.

*All sing the Alleluia.*

**THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*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.*

**CAROL***Sing lullaby*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, while snow doth gently fall. Sing lullaby to Jesus born in an oxen's stall. Sing lullaby to Jesus born now in Bethlehem, the naked blackthorn's growing to weave his diadem. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, while thickly snow doth fall. Sing lullaby to Jesus, the Saviour of all. Sing lullaby, sing lullaby.

F. W. Harvey

**COMMUNION HYMN - 100***Sung by all, standing.**Joy to the world!*

Antioch

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER***Said by all.*

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 OF CHRISTMAS DAY***The bishop offers a blessing and the people respond Amen.***HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 87***Sung by all.**Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

**DISMISSAL**

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

**VOLUNTARY***In dulci jubilo, BWV 729*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*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; 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 thanksgiving for Jane and Anne Guidera and Jack 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; 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, in loving memory of William Donald Rolar and Elsie Jeannette Rolar, and in honor of and in thanksgiving for James and Rebecca Ellingsworth; flowers at the altar in St. Joseph's Chapel are given in memory of Laurence Alan Rogers and Mabel E. Rogers; flowers at the columbarium gate in St. Joseph's Chapel are given in memory of Constantine, Marion, and Leonidas Seferlis; and the ushers' carnations are given in memory of Lieutenant James Norbert Matthews.*

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