



THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE TWO
DECEMBER 27, 2009
AT ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

*The Reverend Canon Mary Sulerud, presider
The Reverend Canon Stephen Huber, gospeller
The Reverend Gwendolyn W. Tobias, assistant
The Reverend Canon John L. Peterson, preacher
Cathedral Singers*

CARILLON PRELUDE

Joy to the world

Antioch; arr. Frank P. Law

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude on 'Greensleeves'

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

The people remain seated.

WELCOME

Dean Lloyd

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as the choir sings.

INTROIT

Susanni

Richard Rodney Bennett (b. 1936)

A little child is yborn, *Eia, susanni*. And he sprang out of Jesse's thorn, *Alleluya*. To save us all that were forlorn. Now Jesus is the childes name. *Eia, susanni*. And mary mild she is his dame, *Alleluya*. And so our sorrow's turned to game. It fell upon the high midnight. *Eia, susanni*. The stars they shone both fair and bright. *Alleluya*. The angels sang with all their might. Three Kings there came with their presents, *Eia, susanni*. Of gold and myrrh and frankincense, *Alleluya*. As clerkes sing in their sequence. Now sit we down upon our knee. *Eia, susanni*. And pray we to the Trinity, *Alleluya*. Our help and succour for to be.

fourteenth 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

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.
 Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

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

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13-21

chant: Barnby

The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.

The word was made_ flesh and_ dwelt a-mong_ us.

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.

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

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

Good King Wenceslas

arr. Reginald Jacques (1894-1969)

Good King Wenceslas look'd out on the feast of Stephen, when the snow lay round about, deep, and crisp, and even: brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel, when a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel. 'Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling, yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?' 'Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain, right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain.' 'Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, bring me pinelogs hither: thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them hither.' Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together; through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather. 'Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger; fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.' 'Mark my footsteps, good my page; tread thou in them boldly: thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy bloodless coldly.' In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted; heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed. Therefore Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing, ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

James Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The people stand to sing and remain standing.

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

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.

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

Here is the little door

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more but enter with our gift; our gift of finest gold, gold that was never bought nor sold; myrrh to be strewn about his bed; incense in clouds about his head; all for the Child that stirs not in his sleep, but holy slumber holds with ass and sheep. Bend low about his bed, for each he has a gift; see how his eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift! For gold, he gives a keen-edged sword (defend with it thy little Lord!) for incense, smoke of battle red, myrrh for the honoured happy dead; gifts for his children, terrible and sweet, touched by such tiny hands and oh! such tiny feet.

Frances Chesterton

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 101

Sung by all, standing.

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

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.

BLESSING

The presider blesses the people. The people respond Amen.

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

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

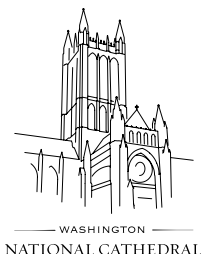
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Postlude on 'Mendelssohn'

David Willcocks (b. 1919)

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