



# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
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## WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, presider*  
*The Reverend Gwendolyn W. Tobias, gospeller*  
*The Reverend Canon Mary Sulerud, assistant*  
*The Reverend Jan Naylor Cope, preacher*  
*The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys*

### CARILLON PRELUDE

*Hark! The herald angels sing* Mendelssohn; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)  
*The first Nowell the angel did say* *The First Nowell*; arr. Edward M. Nassor  
(b. 1957)  
*Paraphrase on "Gloria in excelsis"* Sjef van Balkom; (1922–2004)  
*Angels from the realms of glory* *Regent Square*; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1932)  
*Joy to the world!* *Antioch*; arr. Frank P. Law (1918–1985)  
*O come, all ye faithful* *Adeste fideles*; arr. Kamiel Lefeverre (1888–1974)

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*La Nativité* Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

### WELCOME

Dean Lloyd

### INTROIT

*Ding dong! merrily on high* Charles Wood (1866–1926)

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!*

*George R. Woodward (1848–1934)*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The people stand for the procession and sing.*

### HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 83

*O come, all ye faithful* *Adeste fideles*

### 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
*Joy to the world!*

*Antioch*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy.

**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 WORD OF GOD**

*The people are seated for the reading and psalm.*

**THE READING**

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**CAROL**

*All this time*

William Walton (1902-1983)

All this time this song is best: "Verbum caro factum est." This night there is a child yborn that sprang out of Jesse's thorn; we must sing and say therefor, all this time this song is best: "Verbum caro factum est." Jesus is the childes name, and Mary mild is his dame; all our sorrow shall turn to game: all this time this song is best: "Verbum caro factum est." It fell upon high midnight: the starres shone both fair and bright; the angels sang with all their might, all this time this song is best: "Verbum caro factum est." Now kneel we down on our knee, and pray we to the Trinity our help, our succour for to be; all this time this song is best: "Verbum caro factum est."

*Sixteenth century*

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

**HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 93**

*Angels, from the realms of glory*

*Regent Square*

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.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Jan Cope

*The people stand.*

#### THE 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 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

*Torches*

John Joubert (b. 1927)

Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem, Christ is born and now lies sleeping, come and sing your song to him! Ah, roro, roro my baby, ah roro my love, roro, Sleep you well my heart's own darling, while we sing you our roro. Sing, my friends and make you merry, joy and mirth and joy again, Lo, he lives, the King of Heaven, now and evermore, Amen.

*Gallician carol  
trans. J.B. Trend*

*The people stand for the presentation acclamation and remain standing.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*Angels we have heard on high*

*Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

## 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*

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. Alleluia.

*All sing the Alleluia.*

**INVITATION**     *The people are seated.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. 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 Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.*

**CAROL**

*In the bleak midwinter*

Harold Darke (1886-1976)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels, fall down before, the ox and ass and camel, which adore. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

*Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

*The people stand.*

**HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 109**

*The first Nowell the angel did say*

*The First Nowell*

**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 presider offers a blessing and the people respond Amen.*

**HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 87**     *Sung by all.*

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Mendelssohn*

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*In dulci jubilo, BWV 729*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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