



LOVE WAS BORN AT
CHRISTMAS
STAR AND ANGELS GAVE THE SIGN

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TEN PM DECEMBER TWENTY-FOUR TWO THOUSAND TWELVE
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

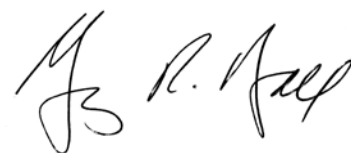
CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

On behalf of Mariann Edgar Budde, the Bishop of Washington, and on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter and the Cathedral staff, I welcome you to Washington National Cathedral's celebration of Christmas. You are here at one of Christianity's three most holy times (Easter and Pentecost being the others)—a day on which we give thanks for the coming among us of God in the life and witness of Jesus. Christmas is about what theologians call the Incarnation—the “enfleshment”—of God in us. God has become one of us in Jesus. From now on, we human beings and all that we are—our joys, our sorrows, our achievements, our losses—is blessed and transformed by God's healing and freeing love.

Because God comes among us in a child born in humble surroundings, Christians have always seen this holiday as a specially important reminder of the preciousness of children and of all those who are most vulnerable in our society. We gather at a time of great national sadness following the events in Newtown, Connecticut. In this season celebrating peace on earth and goodwill toward all, Bishop Budde and I have called the Diocese of Washington and the Cathedral into a renewed witness to stand with and for all victims of violence, and we invite you to join us by both prayer and action in that effort.

Christmas is a time both for thanksgiving and renewal. As we gather in this beautiful space, both our liturgy and our music remind us both of how much we have to be thankful for and how urgently God calls each of us to be agents of love and healing in a broken world. We hope that you will find tonight's worship both soothing and stirring, and that you will leave here both comforted and renewed in your commitment to love God by serving human beings created in God's image. To learn more about our ministry and ways for you to engage in and support it, please visit our website at www.nationalcathedral.org.

Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. R. Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Gary Hall
Dean of the Cathedral

CARILLON PRELUDE

<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	<i>Adeste fideles</i> ; arr. Kamiel Lefevere (1888–1972)
<i>Bergers, venez donc a l'etable, from Beyaert 1728</i>	Theodorus Everaerts (1690–1740)
<i>Variations on "Noel Nouvelet"</i>	Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750); arr. Leen't Hart (1920–1992)
<i>Von Himmel Hoch, from 111 Danziger Chorale fur Carillon, 1784</i>	Johann Ephraim Eggert (1766–1803)
<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>	George Frideric Handel(1685–1759); arr. Theophil Rusterholz (1907–2001)
<i>Away in a manger, no crib for his bed</i>	<i>Cradle Song</i> ; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)
<i>O Little town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>St. Louis</i> ; arr. Kamiel Lefevere
<i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	<i>Gloria</i> ; arr. Frank P. Law (1917–1985)
<i>Joy to the world! the Lord is come</i>	<i>Antioch</i> ; arr. F.P. Law
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	<i>Mendelssohn</i> ; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)
<i>Silent night, holy night</i>	<i>Stille Nacht</i> ; arr. Hans Uwe Hielscher (b. 1945)

ORGAN PRELUDE

<i>Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein BWV 734</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
<i>In dulci júbilo BWV 608</i>	J.S. Bach
<i>In dulci júbilo, Op. 28, No. 41</i>	Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)
<i>Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella</i>	Keith Chapman (1945–1989)
<i>Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122 No. 8</i>	Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
<i>Noël Étranger</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)
<i>Noël X</i>	L.C. Daquin
<i>A Festive Voluntary – Variations on Good King Wenceslas</i>	Petr Eben (b. 1929)

CHORAL PRELUDE

<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adolphe Adam (1803–1856) arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)
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O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining 'til he appeared and the Spirit felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, the night when Christ was born; O night, O holy night, O night divine! Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming, now come the wisemen from out of the orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger; in all our trials born to be our friends. He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger, behold your King! Before him lowly bend! Truly he taught us to love one another, his law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, with all our hearts we praise his holy name. Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we, his power and glory ever more proclaim!

Placide Cappeau (1808–1877)
tr. John Sullivan Dwight (1813–1893)

WELCOME

THE ENTRANCE RITE

INTROIT

<i>Susanni</i>	Richard Rodney Bennett (b. 1936)
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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.

14th century

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION*Sung by all, standing.**Adeste fideles**O come, all ye faithful*


O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION*Dean Hall*
People

Good news and great joy to all the world: today our savior is born in Bethlehem.
O come let us adore him!

Dean Hall
People

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

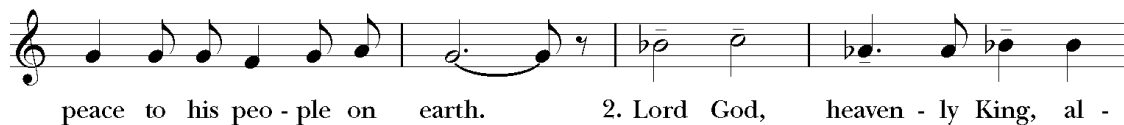
Sung by all, standing.

William Mathias (b. 1934)

Glory to God in the highest



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



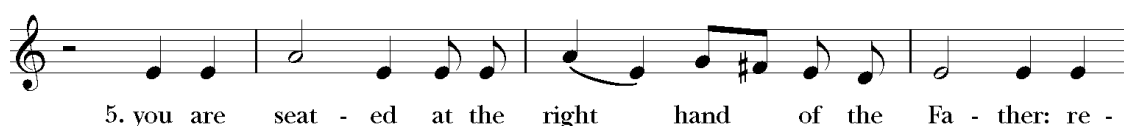
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



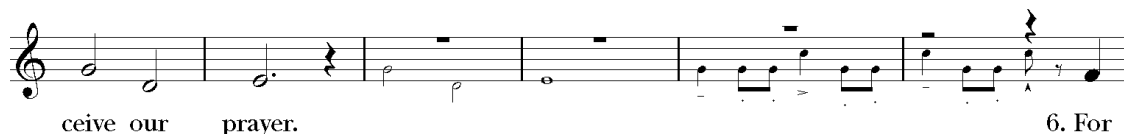
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



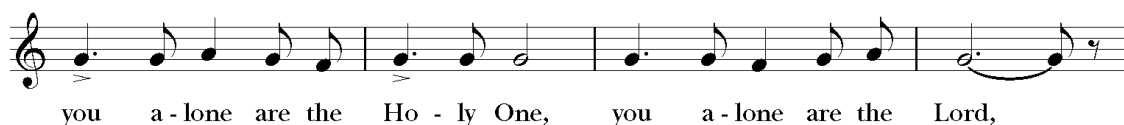
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

Dean Hall The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Dean Hall Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows the reading.

PSALM 96:1-4, 11-13

chant: Thalben-Ball

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



The choir sings the psalm.

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.
 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.



THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-15

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you.

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

Silence follows the reading.

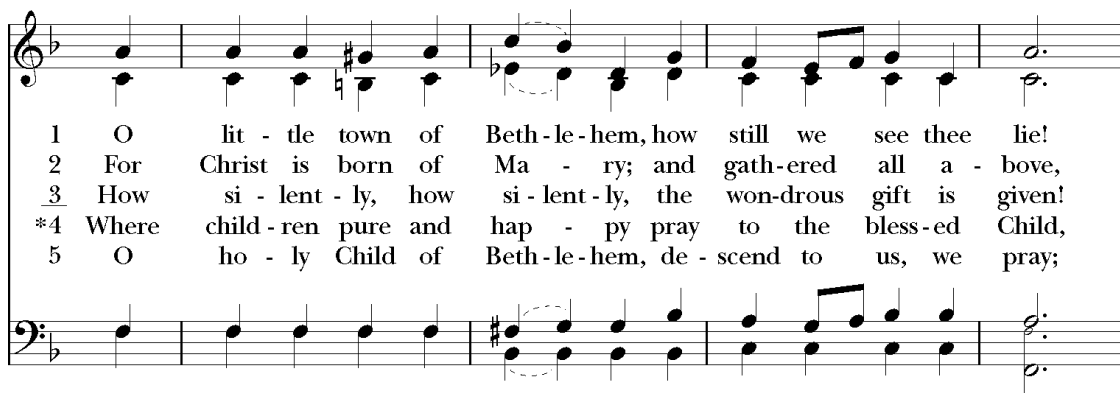
The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

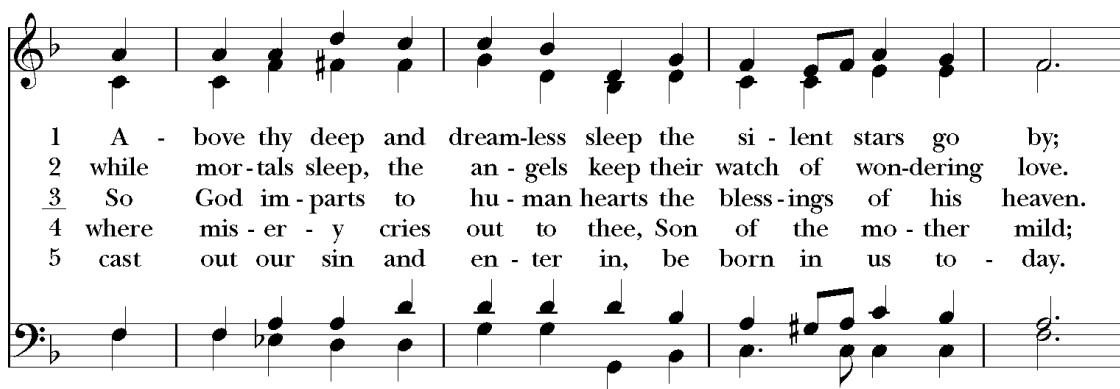
Sung by all.

O little town of Bethlehem

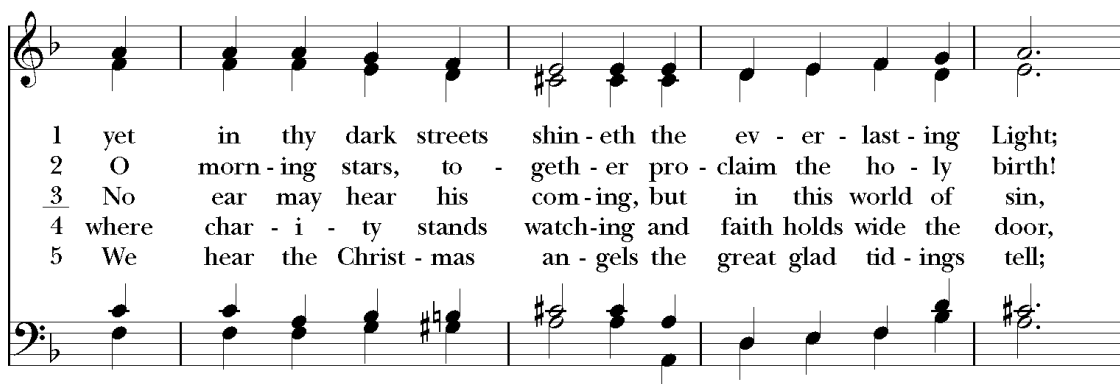
St. Louis



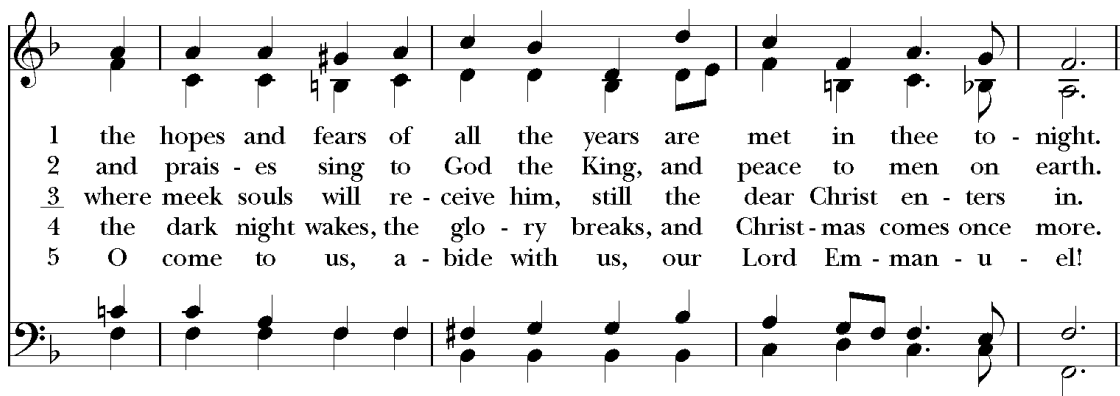
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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!" 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.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

Bishop Mariann

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

HOLY GOD

You join heaven and earth through the birth of the holy child.



INTIMATE GOD

You send your Son to draw us ever closer to yourself. We welcome you into our hearts.

People We greet you with joy.

MERCIFUL GOD

In you we have life full of hope, abundant and new. We welcome you into our hearts.

People We greet you with joy.

FOR LOVE

That knows no bounds.

Musical notation for 'FOR LOVE'. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'We pray — to — you. We greet you child of love.'

FOR PEACE

That transcends conflict and deepens truth.

Musical notation for 'FOR PEACE'. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'We pray — to — you. We greet you child of peace.'

FOR JOY

That gladdens the hearts of those who know only tears.

Musical notation for 'FOR JOY'. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'We pray — to — you. We greet you child of joy.'

FOR GRACE

Abundant and free, to be received and shared.

Musical notation for 'FOR GRACE'. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'We pray — to — you. We greet you child of grace.'

FOR HEALTH

Ease those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit.

Musical notation for 'FOR HEALTH'. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'We pray — to — you. Christ Je - sus heal our hearts.'

FOR OPPRESSION

Free all who live under the shadow of oppression.

Musical notation for 'FOR OPPRESSION'. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'We pray — to — you. Christ Je - sus free our hearts.'

FOR WITNESS

Summon your people to courage, truth, and reconciliation.

Musical notation for 'FOR WITNESS'. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'We pray — to — you. Christ Je - sus sum-mon our hearts.'

FOR FAITH

Incarnate God, be present to those who do not know your love.

Musical notation for 'FOR FAITH' in G major, 6/8 time. The Cantor part is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The All part is: E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter).

Cantor All
We pray ___ to ___ you. Christ Je - sus be in our hearts.

CHRIST CHILD

Purify our hearts and forgive our every failing.

Musical notation for 'CHRIST CHILD' in G major, 6/8 time. The Cantor part is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The All part is: E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter).

Cantor All
Christ child ___ all mer - ci - ful. For - give ___ us all ___ our sins.

CHRIST AMONG US

Guide our lives after your example of obedience and service.

Musical notation for 'CHRIST AMONG US' in G major, 6/8 time. The Cantor part is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The All part is: E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter).

Cantor All
Christ Je - sus all ___ lov-ing. Fire ___ our hearts ___ with love.

CHRIST IN GLORY

Create us anew to love and serve only you.

Musical notation for 'CHRIST IN GLORY' in G major, 6/8 time. The Cantor part is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The All part is: E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter).

Cantor All
God's son ___ our ___ sal - va-tion. Re - ceive ___ our ___ prayer.

THE PEACE

Dean Hall 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

INVITING THE OFFERING

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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Star Carol

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem, Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies. Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with its message of good cheer: "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!" See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully: hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping; Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary. See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Sung by all, standing.

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

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."

Dean Hall Therefore, according to his command, O God,
All **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.

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.

Dean Hall 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.
All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dean Hall As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the
 prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,
All **Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,**
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

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!

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

Suo gan

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Hush, my dear one, sleep serenely; now, my lovely, slumber deep. Mother rocks you, humming lowly; close your eyes, now go to sleep. Angels hover ever nearer, looking on your smiling face. I will hold you, close enfold you; close your eyes, go to sleep. Lovely darling, I will guard you, keep you from all woe and harm. Softly, gently I will rock you, resting sweetly on my arm. May you slumber ever so softly; dream of visions wondrous fair. I will hold you, close enfold you; close your eyes, now go to sleep. May you slumber e'er so softly; dream of visions wondrous fair. I will hold you, close enfold you; close your eyes, now go to sleep.

Traditional Welsh

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Nativity Carol

J. Rutter

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; born beneath 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 AFTER THE COMMUNION

Sung by all.

Stille Nacht

Silent night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop Mariann May Almighty God, who sent Jesus to take our nature upon himself, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Mariann May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Mariann May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you the peace and favor of this holy feast.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Mariann And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dean Hall Let us go forth in the name of the child of Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Sung by all, standing.

Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729
Carillon de Westminster

J.S. Bach
Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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