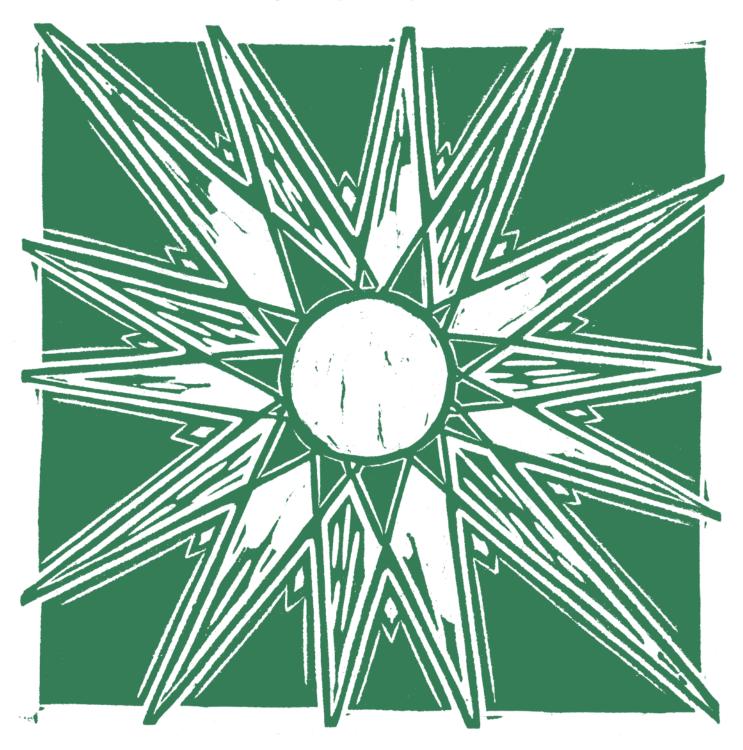
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Christmas Day



FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 25, 2012

ELEVEN AM

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL IN THE CITY & EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

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.

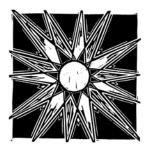
Because God comes among us in a child born in humble surroundings, Christians have always seen this holiday as a specially important reminder of the preciousness of children and of all those who are most vulnerable in our society. We gather at a time of great national sadness following the events in 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!

Gary Hall Dean of the Cathedral

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING DECEMBER 25, 2012

CARILLON PRELUDE

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles; arr. Kamiel Lefevere (1888–1972)

Angels from the realms of glory Regent Square; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

In dulci jubilo Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750); arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

Angels we have heard on high Gloria; arr. Frank P. Law (1917–1985)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come

Antioch; arr. F.P. Law

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

WELCOME

INTROIT

Alleluia, a new work

Peter Wishart (1921–1984)

Alleluya, a new work is come on hand through might and grace of Godès son to save the lost of every land. For now is free that erst was bound. We may well sing Alleluya! Now is fulfilled the prophecy of David and of Jeremy and also of Isaiah. Sing we therefore both loud and high, Alleluya! Alleluya, this sweetè song out of a green branch it sprung; God send us the life that lasteth long. Now joy and bliss be him among that thus can sing Alleluya!

15th century Carol

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand for the procession and sing.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles



CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

Presider Good news and great joy to all the world: today our savior is born in Bethlehem.

People O come let us adore him!

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

from Coronation Mass

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

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 Altissismus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you because of your great glory. Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You who takes away the sins of the world, receive our supplication. You who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. 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 COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and psalm.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7–10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

PSALM 98:1-6 chant: Major

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



The choir sings the psalm.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

All sing the antiphon.



THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Angels, from the realms of glory Regent Square An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er the Shep - herds field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your bright - er Sa - ges, leave your con tem - pla - tions; vi sions Saints be - fore al tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



THE GOSPEL John 1:1–14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON Dean Hall

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.



MERCIFUL GOD

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



FOR LOVE

That knows no bounds.



FOR PEACE

That transcends conflict and deepens truth.



FOR JOY

That gladdens the hearts of those who know only tears.



FOR GRACE

Abundant and free, to be received and shared.



FOR HEALTH

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



FOR OPPRESSION

Free all who live under the shadow of oppression.



FOR WITNESS

Summon your people to courage, truth, and reconciliation.



FOR FAITH

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



CHRIST CHILD

Purify our hearts and forgive our every failing.



CHRIST AMONG US

Guide our lives after your example of obedience and service.



CHRIST IN GLORY

Create us anew to love and serve only you.



THE PEACE

Presider 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 OFFERTORY

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

In dulci jubilo

Robert Pearsall (1795–1856)

In dulci jubilo, let us our homage show, our heart's joy reclineth in praesipio, and like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio. Alpha es et O! O Jesu parvule! I yearn for thee alway! Hear me, I beseech thee, O Puer optime! My prayer, let it reach thee, O Princeps gloriae! Trahe me post te! Patris caritas, Nati lenitas! Deep were we stained per nostra crimina; but thou has for us gained coelorum gaudia. O that we were there! Ubi sunt gaudia, if that they be not there? There are angels singing nova cantica. There the bells are ringing in Regis curia: O that we were there!

14th century German

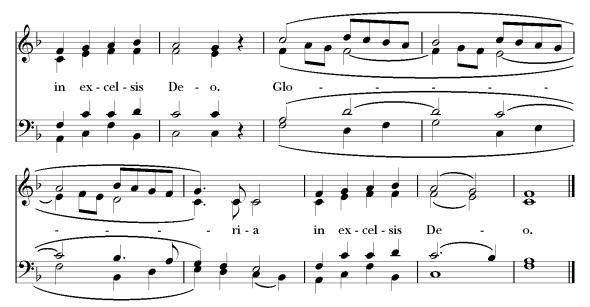
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PRESENTATION HYMN

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria





THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Presider Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. People

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



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

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O God,

People We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

People Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the

Holy Spirit.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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,

People Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., Our Father...

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



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.

Nesciens Mater Jean Mouton (1459–1522)

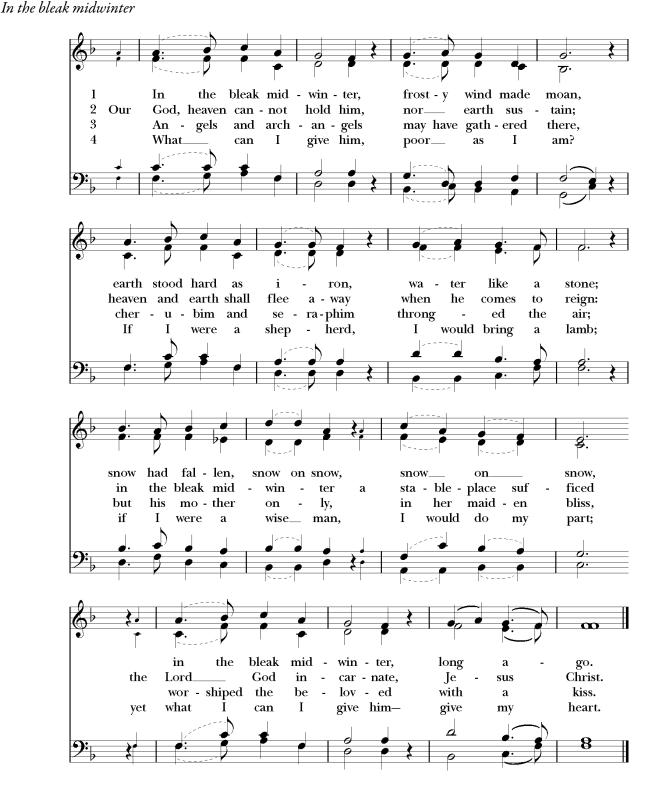
Nesciens Mater Virgo virum peperit sine dolore salvatorem saeculorum ipsum Regem Angelorum. Sola Virgo lactabat ubera de coelo plena.

Without knowing a man, the Virgin Mother has given birth without pain, to the eternal Savior, himself the King of Angels. The only Virgin gave milk, her breasts from heaven filled.

Sarum Antiphon 55



Cranham



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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with

you forever.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

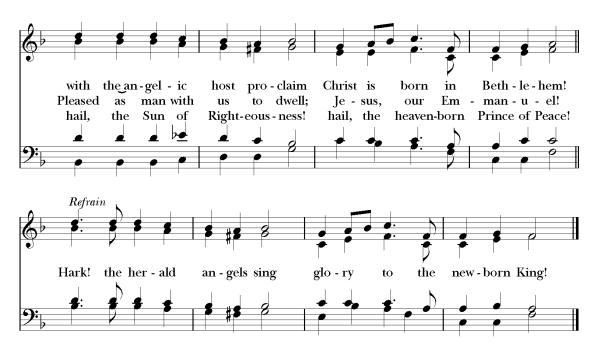
People Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn





ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata, from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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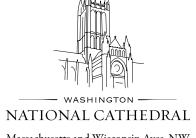
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