

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST



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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—are 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 an especially important reminder of the preciousness of children and of all those who are more vulnerable in our society. At this time of year we are especially mindful of the suffering of children in our world. Poverty, disease, violence all take an especially painful toll on children, and as followers of the infant Jesus we continue to advocate for them and for those who care for them.

Christmas is a time both for thanksgiving and renewal. As we gather in this beautiful space, 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 today's worship both soothing and stirring, and that you will leave here 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

As R. Auf

CARILLON PRELUDE

Once in royal David's city
Ding dong merrily on high
The holly and the ivy
Reflections on "In the Bleak Midwinter"
Angels from the realms of glory
Paraphrase on "Gloria in excelsis"

Irby; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b.1957) Jehan Tabourot (1519-1595); arr. E. Nassor Traditional; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931) E. Nassor Regent Square arr. Milford Myhre Sjef van Balkom (1922-2004)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 Noël Suisse Greensleeves ("What child is this") The snow lay on the ground Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); arr. Stanley Roper Leo Sowerby (1865-1968)

WELCOME

INTROIT

Hodie Christus natus est

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie salvator apparuit: hodie in terra canunt angeli, laetantur archangeli: Alleluia. Hodie excultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis deo. Alleluia.

Today Christ is born: today the Saviour appeared: today on Earth the angels sing, archangels rejoice: today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

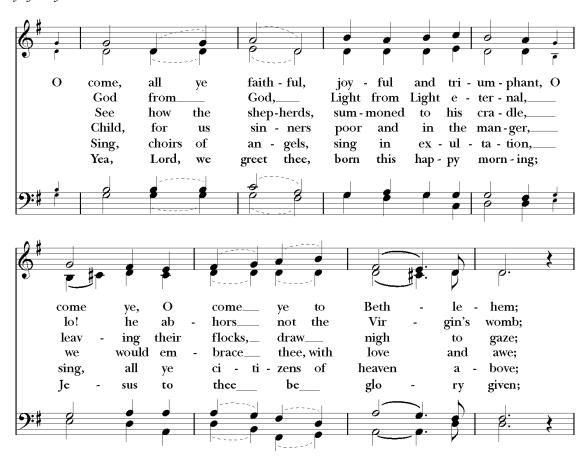
THE ENTRANCE RITE

Sung by all, standing.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles





THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

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.





THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

Presider The Lord be with you.

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.

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 chant: Douglas 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. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it. the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

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.

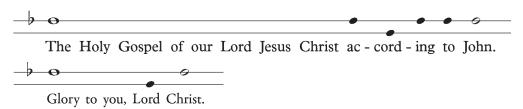
Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

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

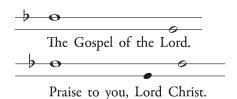
HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE



THE GOSPEL John 1:1–14



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.



The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON Dean Hall

THE NICENE CREED Said

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 Light: 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 Christ 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.

arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Angelus ad virginem

Angelus ad virginem subintrans in conclave, virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit, "Ave! Ave, Regina Virginum; coeli terraeque Dominum concipies et paries intacta salutem hominum; tu porta coeli facta, medela criminum." "Quomodo conciperem quae virum non cognovi? Qualiter infringerem quod firma mente vovi?" "Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet haec omnia; ne timeas, sed gaudeas, secura quod castimonia manebit in te pura Dei potentia." Ad haec virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei: "ancilla sum humilis omipotentis Dei. Tibi coelestinuntio, tanti secreti conscio, consentiens, et crupiens videre factum quod audio; parata sum parere, Dei consilio." Eia mater Domini, quae pacem reddidisti angelis et homini, cum Christum genuisti; tuum exora Filium ut se nobis propitium exhibeat, et deleat peccata: praestans auxilium vita frui beata post hoc exilium. Deo Gracias, Deo Gracias!

The angel, coming secretly to the Virgin, calming the Virgin's fear, said: "Hail, Mary, Queen of Virgins! You shall conceive the Lord of heaven and earth and give birth, remaining a virgin, to the salvation of mankind; you, made the gateway of heaven, the cure for sin." "How shall I conceive, since I know not a man? How shall I break what I have resolutely vowed?: "The grace of the Holy Spirit shall perform all this. Fear not, but rejoice, confident that chastity will remain pure in you by the power of God." At this, the noble Virgin, replying, said to him: "I am the humble servant of almighty God. To you, heavenly messenger, who know so great a secret, I give my assent and desire to see done what I hear, and am ready to obey God's will." O mother of the Lord, who restored peace to angels and men when you gave birth to Christ, beg of your Son that he may show himself favourable to us and wipe away our sins, offering help to enjoy the blessed life after this exile.

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria





THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

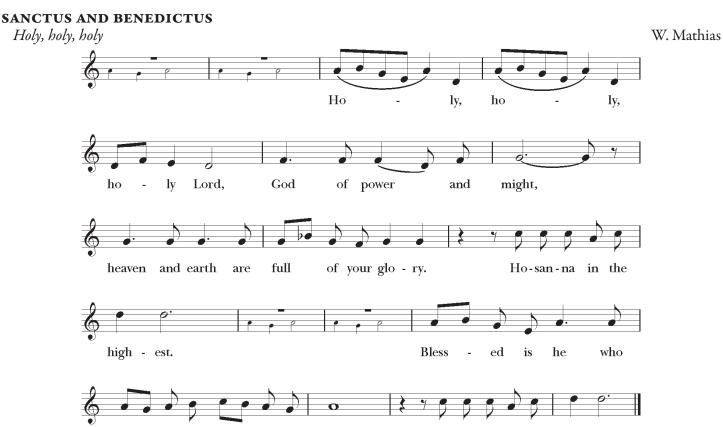
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. People

in the name

comes

of the

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:



Ho-san-na in the

high-est.

Lord.

The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Presider

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this Presider

wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the

world.

Presider Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary and Joseph and all your

saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ

and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

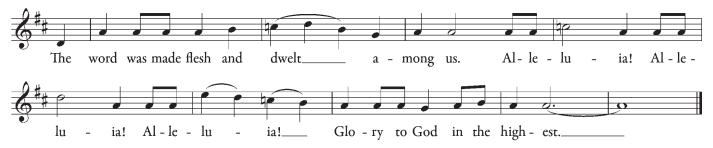
As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer Presider

that Jesus Christ has taught us,

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

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.

CAROL

Bethlehem down

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

"When he is King we will give him the Kings' gifts, myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph, fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down. Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold. When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets, myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, he that lies now in the white arms of Mary sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down. Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming, close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

CAROL

Zither carol

Malcolm Sargent (1895–1967)

Girls and boys, leave your toys, make no noise, kneel at his crib and worship him. At thy shrine, Child divine, we are thine, our Saviour's here. "Hallelujah" the church-bells ring, "Hallelujah" the angels sing, "Hallelujah" from everything. All must draw near. On that day, far away, Jesus lay, angels were watching round his head. Holy Child, Mother mild, undefiled, we sing thy priase. "Hallelujah" the church-bells ring, "Hallelujah" the angels sing, "Hallelujah" from everything. Our hearts we raise. Shepherds came at the fame of thy name, angels their guide to Bethlehem. In that place saw thy face filled with grace, stood at thy door. "Hallelujah" the church-bells ring, "Hallelujah" the angels sing,

"Hallelujah" from everything. Love evermore. Wise men too, haste to do, homage new, gold, myrrh and frankincense they bring. As 'twas said, starlight led, to thy bed, "Hallelujah" the church-bells ring, "Hallelujah" the angels sing, "Hallelujah" from everything. Worshipping thee. Oh, that we, all might be, good as he, spotless, with God in unity. Saviour dear, ever near, with us here since life began. "Hallelujah" the church-bells ring, "Hallelujah" the angels sing, "Hallelujah" from everything. Godhead made man. Cherubim, Seraphim, worship him, sun, moon and stars proclaim his power. Everyday, on our way, we shall say Hallelujah. "Hallelujah" the church-bells ring, "Hallelujah" the angels sing, "Hallelujah" from everything. Hallelujah.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION Sung by all, standing.

In the bleak midwinter 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.

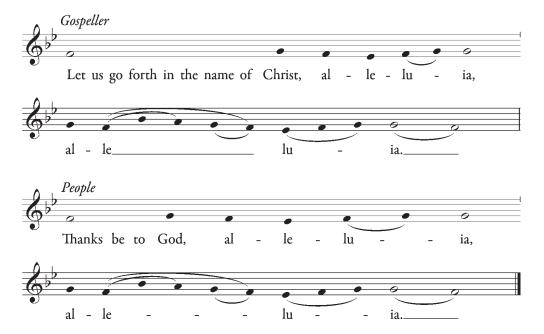
People Amen.

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



Hark! the herald angels sing



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G

Eugène Dubois (1858-1940)

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