

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

On Christmas Day, we hear again these words from John's Gospel:

"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." [John 1: 1-5]

Here is the central, historic proclamation of Christmas: God has taken on human flesh in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. This is perhaps Christianity's most startling proposition. It has radical consequences. God became one of us in Jesus. This means at least two things. It means that God now knows what it is like to be us. And it means that who we are and how we live is raised to a new level of divine importance. We matter. God feels our joy and our pain. The One we pray to knows what our life feels like. And more than that: all human life, all human experience, is important and holy because all human beings are holy. By becoming one of us in Jesus, God has blessed and transformed all human life.

And this blessing and transformation are at the heart of what Christmas means right now. Your life, your joys and sorrows, your work and relationships, your story—all of what makes you "you" matters because of what happened that morning in Palestine two thousand plus years ago. In our culture Christmas has not become "commercialized" so much as it has become "trivialized". We have made of it too light a thing. The reindeer antlers, the silly ties, and the Santa hats are great, but we should wear them not only at parties but out on the street, stopping traffic and giving people the good news that God has become one of us in Jesus, that their lives are now charged with divine significance, that it is OK for them to be who they are.

As John says at the close of the Christmas Day Gospel, "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." [John 1:14] Jesus' life is the light of all people, and it is available to us each and all, here and now. God has taken you into the divine mystery. You are now part of it. That is the deepest meaning of this holiday.

Merry Christmas to you, your household, and the world.

As R. Aup

Gary Hall Dean, Washington National Cathedral

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CARILLON PRELUDE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sinfonia, from The Christmas Oratorio Toccata and Fugue in E major, BWV 566 *Irby*; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b.1957) Jehan Tabourot (1519-1595); arr. E. Nassor *Traditional*; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931) *Regent Square;* arr. M. Myhre Sjef van Balkom (1922-2004)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); arr. Robert Gower J. S. Bach

INTROIT

What cheer

William Walton (b.1957)

What cheer? Good cheer! 'Lift up your hearts and be glad in Christ's birth', the angel bade, say each to other, if any be said: what cheer? Now the King of heav'n his birth hath take, joy and mirth we ought to make; say each to other, for his sake: what cheer? I tell you all with heart so free: Right welcome, ye be to me; be glad and merry, for charity! What cheer? Good cheer! Be merry and glad this good New Year!

—Richard Hill's Commonplace Book (16th century)

WELCOME

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O come, all ye faithful

Sung by all, standing.

Adeste fideles

0 all faith - ful, joy - ful come, and tri - um - phant, O ye Light from Light e - ter - nal,_ God from_ God,_ See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra-dle,__ Child, for sin - ners us poor and in the man-ger,____ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,____ Yea, Lord, born we greet thee, this hap - py morn - ing; come 0 ye Beth le hem; ye, come____ to lo!he ab not the Vir gin's hors____ womb; leav their draw_ nigh ing flocks,__ to gaze; thee, with love we would em brace___ and awe; sing, ci - ti - zens of heaven all ye а bove; -Je thee be glo given; sus to ry **-)**: King come, and be hold him, born the of an gels; ly be _ got ten Son_ \mathbf{of} the Fa ther; on -will thith er bend our ful foot - steps; we too joy who thee, lov - ing dear ly? would not love us so glo God,_ the high - est; glo - ry \mathbf{in} to ry Word Fa ther, of the now in flesh pear - ing; ap \overline{a} 0 Refrain 0 ł ł Ο come, let dore him, 0 let a come, us us a ļ



ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

PresiderBlessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,Peoplewho comes to us, to set us free.PresiderA child is born to us!PeopleA Son is given to us!PresiderBy the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high breaks upon us,Peoplegiving light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.



Glory to God in the highest

Sung by all.

William Mathias (1934-1992)





COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
	Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time
	to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption
	and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive
	and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People	Amen.

The people are seated.

The Word of God

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.

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



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.

I at the and while a waite and all that is in it

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.

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 Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square



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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ac - cord- ing 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	People	
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The Gospel of the Lord.	Praise to yo	ou, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

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,

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.

Canon Cope

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God: You join heaven and earth through the birth of your Holy Child.



Intimate God: You send your Son to draw us ever closer to yourself.



Merciful God: In you we have life full of hope, abundant and new.



We wel-come you in - to our hearts. We greet you with joy.

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.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

In dulci juibilo

Robert Lucas 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 carol

Gloria

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Angels we have heard on high





The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God 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:



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

Presider People	Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Presider	Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this 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

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, saying each in our own language Presider the words that Christ himself 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

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)



INVITATION

Here is the little door

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.

ANTHEMS AT THE COMMUNION

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 (1875-1938)

John Gardner (1917-2011)

Tomorow shall be my dancing day

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance. Sing O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance. Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance.

—Traditional English carol

Sung by all, standing.

Cranham



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

God of love, whose word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem; may the light of faith illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds: through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS

Presider People	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. 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.

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Mendelssohn



ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Final,* from *Symphonie No. 1*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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