



The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2015 • 10:30 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

THE ENTRANCE RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in D, BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

INTROIT

The birds

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

When Jesus Christ was four years old, the angels brought him toys of gold, which no man ever had bought or sold. And yet with these he would not play. He made him small fowl out of clay, and blessed them til they flew away; *tu creasti Domine*. Jesus Christ, thou child so wise, bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, and bring my soul to Paradise.
—*Hilaire Belloc*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 96

Sung by all, standing.

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who comes to us, to set us free.

A child is born to us!

A Son is given to us!

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high breaks upon us,

giving light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. 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. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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 WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!
 My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
 by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
 my Ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
 they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
 They will climb from height to height,
 and the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

O God of hosts, hear my prayer;
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God;
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
 For God is both sun and shield;
 and will give grace and glory;

No good thing will God withhold
 from those who walk with integrity.
O God of hosts,
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

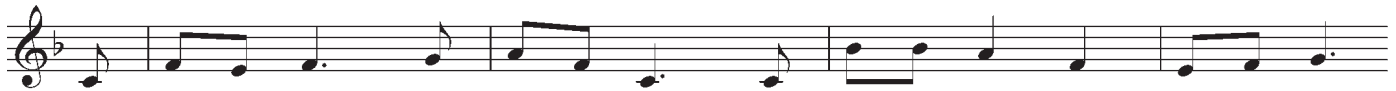
The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Sung by all.

The growing limbs of God the Son

St. Chad



1. The grow - ing limbs of God the Son, the Fa - ther's sole - be - got - ten One,
 2. In wis - dom and in grace he grows, each step of hu - man life he knows,
 3. His Fa - ther's house he en - ters in, where rab - bis teach their cure for sin,
 4. And he who rules an - gel - ic bands, who high in heav'n - ly glo - ry stands,
 5. He all his rad - iant splen - dor hides, and he who made the stars a - bides
 6. To him, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, let praise and hon - or now be done,



pre - pare him for his work on earth, who for us all took hu - man birth.
 in all save sin, like us was made, to be a fall - en peo - ple's aid.
 while in his heart he hears the call which through his cross won life for all.
 now yields him to his mo - ther's will, a boy's o - bed - ience to ful - fill.
 with Jo - seph and the Mo - ther blest, in forms of ser - vant man - i - fest.
 who by the Ho - ly Spi - rit's grace took flesh to save our hu - man race.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Gospeller



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ac - cord - ing to Luke.

People



Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Gospeller



The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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 your Holy Child.

Cantor *People*



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

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

Cantor *People*



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

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

Cantor *People*



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

For Love: That knows no bounds.

Cantor *People*



We pray to you. We greet you, child of love.

For Peace: That transcends conflict and deepens truth.

Cantor *People*



We pray to you. We greet you, child of peace.

For Joy: That gladdens the hearts of those who know only tears.

Cantor *People*



We pray to you. We greet you, child of joy.

For Grace: Abundant and free, to be received and shared.

Cantor *People*



We pray to you. We greet you, child of grace.

For Health: Ease those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit.

Cantor *People*



We pray to you. Christ Je - sus, heal our hearts.

For Light: Free all who live under the shadow of oppression.

Cantor *People*



We pray to you. Christ Je - sus, free our hearts.

For Witness: Summon your people to courage, truth, and reconciliation.

Cantor *People*



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.

Cantor *People*



We pray to you. Christ Je - sus, be in our hearts.

Christ Child: Purify our hearts and forgive our every failing.



Musical notation for the 'Christ Child' section. It features a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'People'. The lyrics are: '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 the 'Christ Among Us' section. It features a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'People'. The lyrics are: '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 the 'Christ in Glory' section. It features a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'God's Son, our sal - va-tion. Re- ceive our prayer.'

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ 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 received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Verbum caro factum est

Hans Leo Hassler (1562-1612)

Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis et vidimus gloriam eius, gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

—John 1: 14

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 107

Sung by all.

Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

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 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

W. Mathias

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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, the mother of Jesus, Peter and Paul, 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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us now pray, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,

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 AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

The Word was made flesh and dwelt a - mong us. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

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 War Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

The Christ-child

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, his hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, but here is all a right.) The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast, his hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, but here the true hearts are.) The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, his hair, his hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, but here the world's desire.) The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, his hair was like a crown, and all the flowers looked up at him, and all the stars looked down.

—Gilbert Keith Chesterton

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God our Creator, 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

The presider offers a blessing and the people respond, Amen.

DISMISSAL

Gospeller

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia.

CLOSING HYMN • 109

Sung by all.

The first Nowell

The First Nowell

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, Cathedral Singers

FLOWER GIFTS: High Altar: in memory of Hibbard G. James, and in loving memory of Lansing Kemton DD, Rt. Reverend Benjamin Dagwell, Philip Hulley, Margaret Hulley Watzek, C.H. Watzek, A.R. Watzek, Mr. & Mrs. Kanah Hulley; the candelabra in the High Altar sanctuary: in loving memory of Mary Russell and Charles Bounds; altar in St. Mary's Chapel: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, and in loving memory of the Reverend and Mrs. Norman Egerton and Robert Marsden Goodchild; St. Mary's Chapel gates: in loving memory of Richard Hewitt; the altar in Holy Spirit Chapel: in memory of Ann Wilson, and in loving memory of Rosanna Milner Warner and Frank J. Murray; the altar in St. John's Chapel: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends; the altar in Children's Chapel: in memory of Wayne Evan Matejik; the Christ Child tree: in honor of Andrew, Kurt, and Stefan Moss; Jennifer and Robert Vettori Jr.; and Lydia Hynson, and in honor of The Great Mystery of the Incarnation; altar in War Memorial Chapel: in memory of Margaret H. Howard; Dulin Bay: given in memory of and thanksgiving for Blanche Scott Dulin, Edward Milton Dulin Sr., and Dr. William C. Dulin; Folger Bay: given in memory of J. Clifford Folger; Woodrow Wilson tomb: in thanksgiving for and in honor of President Woodrow Wilson; the altar in Bethlehem Chapel: in honor of David, Michael and Peter Lee; Angus Dun Font: in honor of Helen Barnard and in thanksgiving for her service to the Cathedral; the Prince tombs in St. John's Chapel and outside Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of and in thanksgiving for Norman Prince along with his parents, Frederick Henry Prince and Abbie Norman Prince; the altar in Resurrection Chapel: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends; ushers' carnations: in memory of Lieutenant James Norbert Matthews; altar at St. Joseph's Chapel: in memory of Marion & Constantine Seferlis.

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