

The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday after Christmas December 27, 2015 • 10:00 am

Washington National Cathedral

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of our desiring, BWV 147

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); arr. Leen 't Hart (1920-1992)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sinfonia, from Solomon

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

INTROIT

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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, 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 wrap'd 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. (Traditional English)

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 93

Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

full of grace, full of truth.

And we have seen his glory,

the glory as of a father's only Son.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace, full of truth.

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)





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 Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat



Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;

he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders;

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth,

and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool;

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;

who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them;

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation;

to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

All repeat the antiphon.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

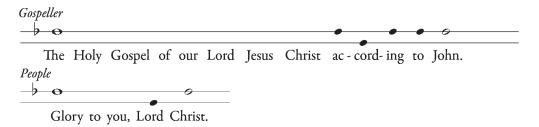
The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 82

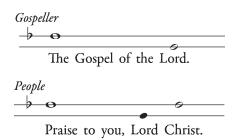
Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-18



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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SERMON Dean Hall

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Loving God, in this holy time, your Son our Savior is born; bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh. Renew your

Church as the Body of Christ; a people of your love incarnate; a people of joy, a people of peace.

Cantor People

Ho - ly God, hear our prayer.

In this holy time, Mary and Joseph find no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have

no home, those for whom we make no room, those who live in crushing poverty.

Cantor Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this holy time, Mary, in the pain of labor, brings your Son to birth. Keep watch over all who know any pain or

distress; any anxiety or fear; and bring them to newness of life.

Cantor Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this holy time, your Christ comes as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to the suffering; tender

mercy to the sorrowing; assurance of your presence to the struggling.

Cantor Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy time, the angels sing "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen the will of those who work for

peace. Quicken in us all a holy impatience for justice throughout the world.

Cantor Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this holy time, shepherds in the field hear good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's

redeeming love, and stamina to witness the truth of your compassion.

Cantor Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this holy time, strangers find the Holy Family, and behold the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and

all beloved to us. Bless the stranger and the vulnerable; may they find in us a welcoming place.

Cantor Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this holy time, heaven stoops down to earth, and earth rises up to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who

have passed through death, trusting in that which they cannot see; believing in your promise of light and life in

the eternal company of heaven.

Cantor Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy time, Christians in every place celebrate the birth of your Son. Open our hearts to receive this mystery

of your love; come to heal us, come to save us, come to set us free.

Cantor Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of grace, in this holy time, angels and shepherds worship at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer

in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.

All Amen

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

Alleluia, a new work is come on hand

Peter Wishart (1921-1984)

Alleluia, 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 Alleluia! Now is fulfilled the prophecy of David and of Jeremy and also of Isaiah. Sing we therefore both loud and high, Alleluia! Alleluia, 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 Alleluia!

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 84

Love came down at Christmas

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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.

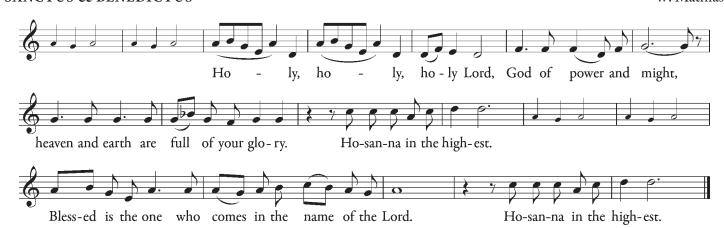
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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:

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

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

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.

AMEN.

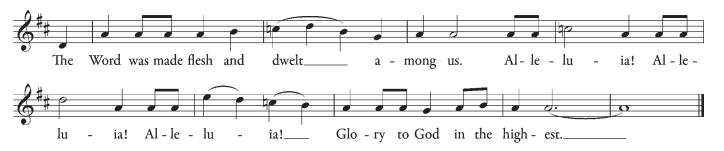
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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)



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

Suo Gan

arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

Sleep my baby on my breast, It is warm and cozy there, Mother's arm are tight around you, Mother's love dwells in my heart.

None can harm you while you slumber, No one dares to harm you now. Sleep so softly, dear my child, Sleep so softly, on my breast.

Sleep so softly through the night, Jewel of my tender love. Does a smile light those eyes, Stealing gently o'er thy face? Do the angels smile above you, You who smile so sweetly now? You are smiling now and sleeping, Sleeping softly at my breast.

Do not fear, it's just a leaf Beating, beating, at the door. Do not fear, it's just a little wave whisp'ring on the shore.

Sleep my baby, there is nothing Here to frighten you tonight. Smile so gently on my breast All the angels up above.

(Traditional Welsh)

The people stand.

SENDING EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of God and this Cathedral Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

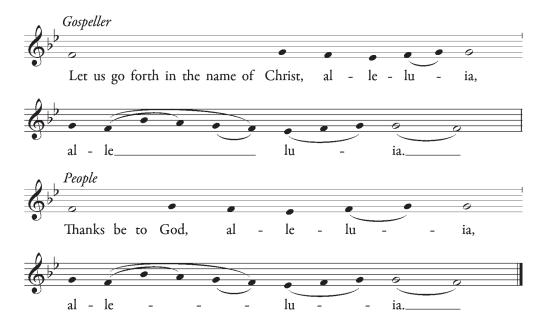
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

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

DISMISSAL



CLOSING HYMN • 100

Joy to the world

Antioch

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

WORSHIP LEADERS: The Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, The Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy, Cathedral Singers

FLOWER GIFTS: HIGH ALTAR: in memory of Hibbard G. James; HIGH ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDELABRA: in loving memory of Charles and Mary Russell Bounds; ST. MARY'S CHAPEL ALTAR: 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 Stephen Mark Walsh; HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Ann Wilson, and in loving memory of Frank Murray and Rosanna Milner Warner; ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL ALTAR: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends; ST. JOHN'S PRINCE TOMB: in honor of Norman Prince; ST. JOHN'S GATES: in memory of Athanasius Tapera; CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Wayne Evan Matejik; 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; CHILDREN'S CHAPEL FONT: in joyful thanksgiving for Jane and Anne Guidera and Jack, Will, and Kate Rogstad; WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL ALTAR: 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; BETHLEHEM CHAPEL ALTAR: in honor of David, Michael and Peter Lee, and in loving memory of Favour Hazeltine Slater; ANGUS DUN FONT: in honor of Helen Barnard and in thanksgiving for her service to the Cathedral; PRINCE TOMB CRYPT: in honor of Frederick Henry Prince and Abigail Norman Prince; RESURRECTION CHAPEL ALTAR: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and Friends; ST. JOSEPH'S

CHAPEL COLUMBARIUM GATES: in memory of and thanksgiving for the Seferlis and Tidball families; USHERS' CARNATIONS: in memory of Lieutenant James Norbert Matthews.

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