

The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 2017 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The people's responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Paraphrase on "Gloria in excelsis"

Sjef van Balkom (1922-2004)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale-prelude, 'In dulci jubilo', BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Gesu bambino

arr. Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

Fiat Lux

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

INTROIT

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. (Bruce Blunt, 1899-1957)

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 96

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo - ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his

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 FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.

PSALM 147:13-21

Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)



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!

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.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 82

Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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

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. (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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope

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:
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

After each intercession,

God of grace and peace,
hear us, we pray.

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

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Go, tell it on the mountain

arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. (*African-American traditional*)

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 107

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.

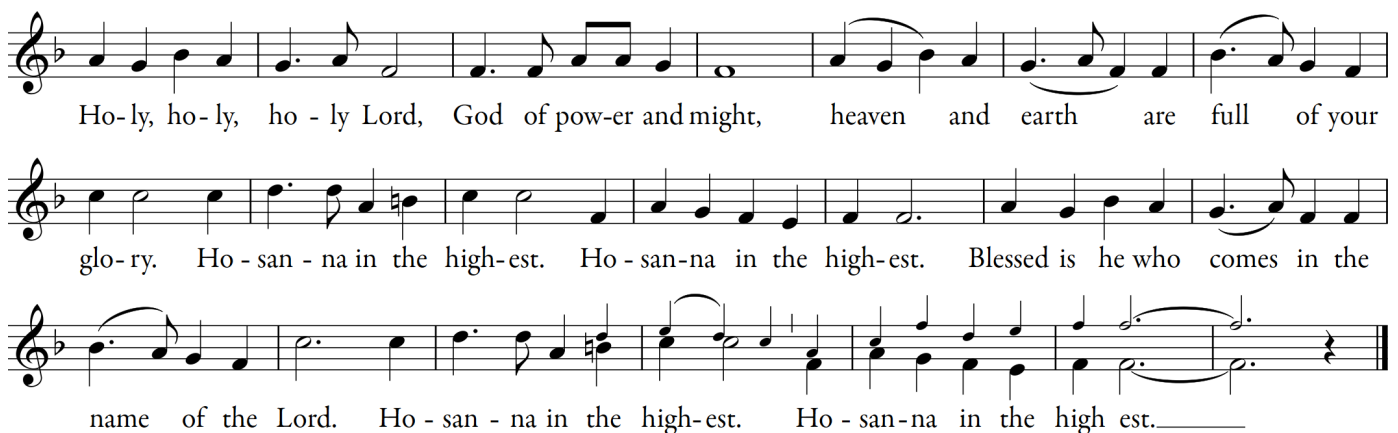
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. 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 Father,

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 and Joseph, Peter and Paul, our patrons, 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

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 & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. R. Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our

sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the

world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The people are seated.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

During the administration of Holy Communion the laying on of hands and prayers for healing is offered in St. John's Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp to the right of the pulpit.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Sung in Latin. O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the birth of the Lord, and him lying in a manger. O blessed Virgin whose womb was worthy to carry the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia. (*Matins Responsory, Feast of the Nativity*)

The people stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN • 109

The first Nowell

The first Nowell

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Finale, from Symphony II, Op. 13/2

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

WORSHIP LEADERS The Reverend Dr. Harvey E. Bale, The Reverend Andrew K. Barnett, The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Reverend Dana Colley Corsello, The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan, The Cathedral Singers.

FLOWERS The flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. The High Altar: in memory of Hibbard G. James. The Candelabra in the High Altar Sanctuary: 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 Robert Marsden Goodchild and the Reverend and Mrs. Norman Egerton. St. Mary's Chapel Gates: in memory of Stephen M. Walsh. Holy Spirit Chapel Altar: in memory of Ann Wilson; and in memory of Vernon Holleman and Cathie Burke. 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. Children's Chapel Altar: 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. Children's Chapel Font: with thanksgiving for the Captains and Volunteers of the Flower Guild of the Washington National Cathedral. 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 and Kathrine Dulin Folger. Woodrow Wilson Tomb: in thanksgiving for Mark Bean. Bethlehem Chapel Altar: 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; and in memory of Michael Byrne. Prince Tomb Crypt: in honor of Frederick Henry Prince and Abigail Norman Prince. Good Shepherd Chapel Altar: in memory of Wayne and Gee Wood. 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.

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