

And the Word became flesh and dwelt 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

Dear friends,

Welcome to Washington National Cathedral! We are glad you are here with us to share in this moment. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to pause and remember what this season is all about, to make sure this holiday is centered on the holy.

The great miracle of the Christian faith is that God becomes one of us. The infinite becomes finite, and the unknowable God, beyond space and time, becomes a helpless infant totally dependent on the love and care of a young unwed couple. Why? Why would God do such a thing? Why would the Creator of all things deign to be born in a stable? Because of love. God loves us so much that God becomes one of us in order to reach us, in order to lift us toward God. In the process, God hallows all human existence and provides us, in Jesus, with a living example of what it means to be fully human.

Two thousand years ago, Mary and Joseph wandered their way through the city of Bethlehem looking for a home, searching for a safe place where they could rest. Scripture tells us they were young and in trouble—Mary wasn't supposed to be pregnant and Joseph wasn't supposed to stay with her now that she was. But they were in love and they knew that somehow God was calling them to play a role in God's plans for the world. Sometime during the night, a child was born, a special child, a child whose destiny was to be Immanuel—God with us. God with us, not God above us and beyond us, not God transcendent and mysterious, not God out of our reach and free from our experience—but God here, present in this life, in a human person, needing human love. Jesus was born to satisfy our yearnings, to fill that hole in our souls, to bring God closer to us, and to bring all of us closer to our home in God.

A child once said: "I wish I had a picture of God." This is exactly what we are granted in the birth of Jesus. God has shown us God's face. And so, as you leave the Cathedral today, take the Christ child with you. Take his humility and make it your own. Learn to be more patient, more open, more understanding and more forgiving of others in your life. Take his life of service and make it your life. Learn to take less from others; learn to give more of yourself without the thought of getting anything in return. And finally, take his love and let God's love for you become the source of your love for one another. May we all this Christmastide find the Christ child again and again, and bring him afresh into our Jesus-starved world. Because he is needed now more than ever.

Merry Christmas and may God bless and keep you this day and always.

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith Dean, Washington National Cathedral

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2016 · 6:00 PM



CARILLON PRELUDE

O come, all ye faithful
Winter, from Almanac for Bells
Lili Fantasi over den Yndigst Rose
Rose mystica
While shepherds watched their flocks by night
Shepherds, come to the stable
Away in a manger
Go, tell it on the mountain
Angels we have heard on high
Joy to the world!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Silent night, holy night

Adeste fideles; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

Ann-Kirstine Christiansen (b. 1965)

Roy Hamlin Johnson (b.1929)

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. M. Myhre

from Beyaert, 1728 (Antwerp manuscript)

Cradle Song; arr. Percival Price (1901-1985)

African-American Spiritual; arr. Raymond Keldermans (1911-1984)

Gloria; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

Antioch; arr. Wendell Westcott (1911-2010)

Mendelssohn; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)

Stille Nacht; arr. P. Price

ORGAN PRELUDE

Carillon-Sortie
Prelude and Fugue in A major, BWV 536
In dulci jubilo, BWV 729
Fiat Lux
Noel-Etranger
Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella
Partita on 'Adeste Fideles'

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
J. S. Bach
Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
Louis-Claude Daquin (1695-1772)
arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)
Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

INTROIT

A boy was born

A boy was born in Bethlehem,
Rejoice for that, Jerusalem! Alleluya.
He let himself a servant be,
That all mankind he might set free: Alleluya.
Then praise the Word of God
who came to dwell within a human frame: Alleluya.
(Anonymous, sixteenth century)

The people stand.

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Adeste fideles



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant The people who walked in darkness

People have seen a great light.

Officiant For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

Officiant His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,

People and peace to God's people on earth.

BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this Cathedral Church, dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul, glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city of Washington.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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.

Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the

citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

The First Lesson • Genesis 3:1-22

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever."

CAROL

Jesus Christ the apple tree

Anthony Piccolo (b. 1953)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

(Anonymous, eighteenth century)

THE SECOND LESSON • ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL

There is no rose of such virtue

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. *Alleluia*. For in this rose contained was Heav'n and earth in little space. *Res miranda*. By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three, *Pares forma*. Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth. *Transeamus*. There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. *Gaudeamus*.



THE THIRD LESSON • LUKE 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Angelus ad Virginum Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Sung in Latin.

When the angel came secretly to the Virgin in her room, soothing the maiden's fear, he said:

"Hail! Hail! Queen of virgins. Chaste, untouched by man,

You shall conceive and bear the Lord of heaven and earth, salvation for mankind.

You have become the gate of heaven, a remedy for sins."

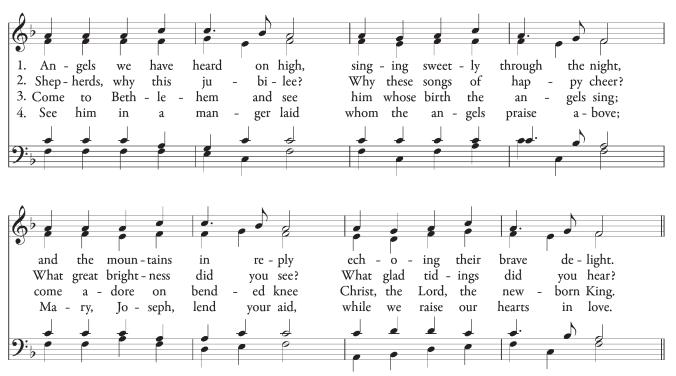
(Anonymous, thirteenth century)

Angels we have heard on high

HYMN

Sung by all, standing.

Gloria





The people are seated.

THE FOURTH LESSON • LUKE 2:1-7

The birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

O magnum mysterium

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

Sung in Latin.

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,

that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.

(Matins responsory for Christmas Day)

THE FIFTH LESSON • LUKE 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL

Quem vidistis pastores

Francis Jean Marcel Poulenc (1899-1963)

Sung in Latin.

Tell us, shepherds, whom did you see?

Speak, tell us! Who came down to earth?

We saw the birth, and the choir of angels singing praise to God.

Tell us how it happened. Proclaim the birth of Christ!

(Matins responsory for Christmas Day)





The people are seated.

The Sixth Lesson • John 1:1-14

The Great Mystery of the Incarnation

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.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith (December 23)

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (December 24)

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.

CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

Chanticleer

Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

All this night, shrill Chanticleer, day's proclaiming trumpeter, claps his wings and loudly cries,

Mortals, wake and rise! See a wonder heaven is under; from the earth is risen a Son, shines all night though day be done.

Wake, O earth, wake everything! Wake and hear the joy I bring; for all this night heaven and every twinkling light, all amazing still stand gazing, angels, powers, and all that be, wake, and joy this Son to see.

Hail, O Son, O blessed Light, sent into the world this night! Let thy rays and heavenly powers shine in these dark souls of ours; for most duly thou art truly God and man we do confess, Hail, O Son of righteousness!

(William Austen, 1587-1634)

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Officiant Christ has brought us out of darkness: People to live in his marvelous light. Officiant Jesus Christ is the light of the world: People a light no darkness can quench. Officiant The shepherds kept watch by night, People and your glory shone round about them. Officiant The darkness is not dark to you, People the night is as bright as the day. Officiant Let your light scatter the darkness, People and fill your Church with your glory.

The people remain seated as their tapers are lighted from the Advent Wreath. To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame.

CAROL AT THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Candlelight carol John Rutter (b. 1945)

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How do you measure the love of a mother, Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow, Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright, Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep. Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour, But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow, Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright, Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger, Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation, A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow, Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright, Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

The people stand.

Silent night Stille Nacht



CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Officiant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the

darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People Amen.

Officiant May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you

heralds of the Gospel.

People Amen.

Officiant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

People Amen.

Officiant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn



Please gently extinguish your candles and, upon exiting, place used tapers in the baskets provided.

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54 No. 6

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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PERMISSIONS: O come, all ye faithful. Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906. Go tell it on the mountain. Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967). Music: Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935) © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer. Used by permission. Angels we have heard on high. Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958). Joy to the world! the Lord is come. Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872). Silent night, holy night. Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910). Hark! the herald angels sing. Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).



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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 Robert Marsden Goodchild and the Reverend and Mrs. Norman Egerton; HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Ann Wilson, and in loving memory of Rosanna Milner Warner and Frank J. Murray; 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; 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: in memory of J. Clifford Folger and Kathrine Dulin Folger; woodrow wilson томв: in thanksgiving for and in honor of President Woodrow Wilson; 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; PRINCE TOMB CRYPT: in honor of Frederick Henry Prince and Abigail Norman Prince; GOOD SHEPHERD CHAPEL ALTAR: in memory of Santiago Redd Garcia; 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.

COVER: The Cathedral Choir sings during the candle lighting. Photo by Danielle E. Thomas.



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