



CHRISTMAS
Lessons
& Carols

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas and welcome home! We are so glad to have you here during this holy season. Please know that this Cathedral is your Cathedral, it is a house of prayer for all people and you are always welcome here.

The good news of great joy to be found during the Christmas season centers not only around gatherings of family and friends, but also in the proclamation of the marvelous work God is doing in the midst of human history. It is the season when we proclaim God's good news that we are loved so much that God became one of us in order to lift all of us up to God. It is the astounding news that the infinite God who created all things loves us, not by lording over us, but by humbling God's self to be born a helpless infant in a stable in Palestine. As Christians, all our hopes rest on this newborn baby—his life, his death, and his resurrection.

Whatever brings you to the Cathedral this Christmas season, please know that we gather to proclaim what many people would consider preposterous—that love is the strongest force in the universe. It is more powerful than all that divides us. It is more powerful than the greatest of rulers or the most powerful of armies. It is the force that formed the universe and the essence of the very God we gather to worship. In Jesus we believe that God's love is perfected, and because Jesus walked this earth as one of us, we believe that by God's grace, we can mold our lives on his.

Whether you regularly participate in our worshiping community, or this is your first time in the Cathedral, we are honored to have you here. I have no doubt that God has brought you to this place for a reason and I hope and pray that you will know the deep presence of God moving in your life. There is so much joy to be found in these Christmas celebrations, and as we journey together to meet the newborn babe in Bethlehem, may you feel the touch of God upon your heart. God has come among us, the world is forever changed, and love reigns supreme.

From all of us here at the Cathedral, have a joyous Christmas, a wonderful new year, and we hope to see you soon.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph Marshall Hollerith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith
Dean, Washington National Cathedral



CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

December 23 & 24, 2024 • 6:00 PM

The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

Novena di Natale per campagne

Nino Rota (1911–1979)

I. *Little Fife*

II. *The Flock and the Angel*

III. *The Manger*

IV. *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Chorale Prelude on *Rosa Mystica* “Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming”

Ennis Fruhauf (b. 1944)

Evening Prelude on “Gartan”

John Knox (1932–2021)

Variations on “*Noël Nouvelet*”

Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

Interlude from *A Ceremony of Carols*, Op. 28, No. 7

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976); arr. Percival Price (1901–1985)

The Cherry Tree

Traditional English; arr. M. Myhre

Fantasy for Christmas Eve

John Gouwens (b. 1957)

Paraphrase on “*Gloria in excelsis*” for carillon

Sjef van Balkom (1922–2004)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Forest Green; arr. Doug Gevfert (b. 1949)

Silent Night

Stille Nacht; arr. Hans Hielscher (b. 1945)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Pastorale in F major, BWV 590

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Prelude on “Greensleeves”

Richard Purvis (1913–1994)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Allen Orton Gibbs (1910–1996)

Three Versets on “Away in a Manger”

Mark Blatchly (b. 1960)

Variations on “The Huron Carol”

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

The people remain seated as the soloist and choir sing the first two stanzas. The people stand at the sound of the organ and join in singing.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Once in Royal David's City

Irby



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
3. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a sta - ble should dis - play
4. For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly, when on earth he grew,
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;



1. where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
2. and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
3. hea - ven's Word, the world's cre - a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day,
4. he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew.
5. for that child who seemed so help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove;



1. Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild,___ Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.___
2. with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3. yet this child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
4. Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
5. and he leads his chil - dren on___ to the place where he is gone.___

THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

Officiant The people who walked in darkness

People have seen a great light.

Officiant For to us a child is born,

People 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.

THE 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 gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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 3:8-14

Adam and Eve rebel against God.

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."

CAROL

Adam Lay Ybounden

Frank Boles (b. 1955)

Adam lay ybounden
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden written
In their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne hadd never Our Lady,
A-been heavenè queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was!
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias! (Thanks be to God!)

(Anonymous 15th-century English)

THE SECOND LESSON • ISAIAH 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

CAROL

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Negro spiritual; arr. André Thomas

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow;
It will lead to the place where Christ was born;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your sheep, leave your sheep,
and leave your lambs;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow;
Leave your ewes and your rams,
leave your ewes and rams;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain Follow, follow,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the Star of Bethlehem;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed to the angel's words;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow;
You'll forget your flocks; you'll forget your herds;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Sung by all.

God Rest You Merry



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought glad tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

The people are seated.

THE THIRD LESSON • MICAH 5:2-5a

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

CAROL

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 as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sung by all.

Gloria



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King,
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The people are seated.

THE FOURTH LESSON • MATTHEW 1:18-23

The birth of Jesus.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

CAROL

Pastores loquebantur

Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)

Sung in Latin.

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. Alleluia.

(Luke 2:15b-16)

THE FIFTH LESSON • LUKE 2:8-16

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.

CAROL

Today the Virgin

John Tavener (1944–2013)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave
To give birth to the Word eternal:
Rejoice, O World
With the Angels and the Shepherds
Give glory to the Child!
Alleluia!

Mary my wife, O Mary my wife!
What do I see?
I took you blameless before the Lord
From the priests of the Temple
What do I see?

(Mother Thekla, 1918–2011)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

Joseph the Bridegroom, O Joseph the Bridegroom!
Do not fear.

God in his mercy has come down to earth,
He takes flesh in my womb
For all the world to see.

Mary my Bride, O Mary my Bride,
What do I see?
You, a virgin giving birth.
Strange mystery!

Warned by the Angel we believe
That Mary gives birth inexplicable
To the infant, Christ, our God.

HYMN

Joy to the World

Sung by all.

Antioch

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far and
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the sound - ing joy.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

THE SIXTH LESSON • JOHN 1:1-14

The Incarnation of the Word of God.

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.

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

HOMILY

The Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson (December 23)

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith (December 24)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“That Yongë Child” from *A Ceremony of Carols*, Op. 28

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

Sung in Middle English.

That young child when it began to weep
With song she led him asleep:
That was so sweet a melody
It passed all minstrelsy.
The nightingale sang also:
Her song is hoarse and worthless thereto:
Whoso attends to her song
And leaves the first, then he does wrong.

THE OFFERTORY

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CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

Stabat mater speciosa

Mary Montgomery Koppel (b. 1982)

The beautiful mother
Stood joyously at the crib
Where her child lay.

Through her exultant soul,
Her soul dancing with joy,
Went a song of rejoicing.

Oh, how jubilant and blessed
Was the immaculate Mother
Of the Only-Begotten.

Oh, how happy and laughing and exultant
Did she watch the birth
Of her divine son.

(Attr. Jacopone da Todi, ca. 1230–1306; trans. Hans van der Velden)

Oh, Mother, fountain of love,
Make me feel your ardor.
Let me share it with you.

Make my heart burn
With the love of Christ-God
And find grace in his eyes.

Make me rejoice with you
And share the adoration of Jesus
For as long as I shall live.

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

The Little Road to Bethlehem

Michael Head (1900–1976)

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homewards, one by one,
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them
Along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door, as I drew nigh,
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day
And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

(Margaret Rose, d. 1936)

Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang,
“The lambs are coming home,” sweet Mary sang,
“Your Star of gold is shining in the sky,
So sleep, my little King, go lullaby.”

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

Silent Night

Sung by all.

Stille Nacht



1. Si - lent night,	ho - ly night,	all is calm,	all is bright
2. Si - lent night,	ho - ly night,	shep - herds quake	at the sight,
3. Si - lent night,	ho - ly night,	Son of God,	love's pure light



round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.	Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,	heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,	with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.	Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior is born!	Christ, the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.	Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE 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 BLESSING

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

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sung by all.

Mendelssohn



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings;

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell: Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Adeste, fideles"

Francis Pott (b. 1957)



A gift in celebration of Christ's birth is made to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the
William Carter Dulin and Maurine Stuart Dulin families.

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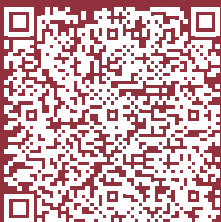
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