

# Christmas Eve

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



Dear friends,

Merry Christmas and welcome home! We are so glad to have you with us during this holy season. Whether you are here every Sunday or you are visiting just this once, please know that this Cathedral is your Cathedral. It is a house of prayer for all people, and you are always welcome in this sacred space.

What draws you here this Christmas? Is it the miracle that God has come among us as a child born in a stable in Bethlehem? Is it the candlelight, the cherished hymns, the familiar readings, the flowers, the beautiful music, or simply the comfort of gathering with family and friends? Whatever brings you through these doors, we are blessed to have you with us, and we hope you will find something of God's love, hope, and peace while you are here.

At Christmas we celebrate the astounding truth that the infinite God has become a human being. Jesus is God with us, not God above us and beyond us, not God out of our reach or aloof from our experience, but God here, in a human person. He has come for all of us, whether we believe in him or not. He has come not to condemn the world but to redeem it. In Jesus, God's love is perfected, and that is the great gift of Christmas.

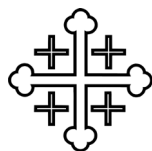
As you leave the Cathedral, take the Christ child with you. Take his humility and make it your own. Strive to be more patient, more open, more understanding, and more forgiving of others. Take his life of service and make it your life. Give more of yourself without the thought of getting anything in return. And finally, take his love and let God's love for you become the source of your love for one another.

The Word became flesh and dwells among us. This is good news, and we have much to celebrate.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph Marshall Hollerith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith  
*Dean, Washington National Cathedral*



# THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Festival Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2025 • 10:00 PM

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## CARILLON PRELUDE

*While by My Sheep I Watched at Night*

Pastorale from Op. 6, No. 8

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Away in a Manger*

"Rosa Mystica" from *A Carillon Book for the Liturgical Year*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*The First Nowell*

*Silent Night*

*Echo Carol*; arr. Frank P. Law (1918–1985)

Archangele Corelli (1653–1713); arr. Twan Bearda (b. 1973)

*In dulci jubilo*; arr. Bill De Turk (1945–2024)

*Forest Green*; arr. Percival Price (1901–1985)

*Carol*; arr. Raymond Keldermans (1911–1984)

*Cradle Song*; arr. R. Keldermans

Roy Hamlin Johnson (1929–2020)

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

*Mendelssohn*; arr. Esther T. Dawson (1907–1989)

*The First Nowell*; arr. Beverly Buchanan (1931–2018)

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

## PRELUDE

*Adeste fideles*

*Agnus Dei*

*The Holy Boy*

Improvisation on *Irby*

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

Michael W. Smith (b. 1957); arr. Donnie McClurkin (b. 1959)

John Ireland (1879–1962)

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## INTROIT

*Silent Night*

*Sung by the choir.*

*Stille Nacht;*  
arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiance beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*(Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848)*

*The people stand as able.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

*Dean* Behold, the dwelling of God is with creation.  
*People* **He will dwell with us, and we shall be his people.**

*Dean* God himself is with us. Alleluia.  
*People* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*Dean* Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Bless, we pray, this crèche, that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Sung by all.*

*Adeste fideles*

*We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab - hors not the
3. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, leav - ing their flocks, draw
4. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, we would em - brace thee, with
5. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of

*Refrain*



1. Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels; O come, let us a -
2. Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3. nigh to gaze; we too would thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
4. love and awe; who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
5. heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born that happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

## THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

*Dean* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Dean* The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

*People* And we beheld his glory.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Sung by all.*

William Mathias (1934–1992)

*The Gloria centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

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 COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*The collect is the appointed prayer that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

*Dean* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Dean* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

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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.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
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 onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

El pueblo que andaba en la oscuridad  
vio una gran luz;  
una luz ha brillado  
para los que vivían en tinieblas.  
Señor, has traído una gran alegría;  
muy grande es el gozo.  
Todos se alegran delante de ti  
como en tiempo de cosecha,  
como se alegran los que se reparten grandes riquezas.  
Porque tú has deshecho  
la esclavitud que oprimía al pueblo,  
la opresión que lo afligía,  
la tiranía a que estaba sometido.  
Fue como cuando destruiste a Madián.  
Las botas que hacían resonar los soldados  
y los vestidos manchados de sangre  
serán quemados, destruidos por el fuego.  
Porque nos ha nacido un niño,  
Dios nos ha dado un hijo,  
al cual se le ha concedido el poder de gobernar.  
Y le darán estos nombres:  
Admirable en sus planes, Dios invencible,  
Padre eterno, Príncipe de la paz.  
Se sentará en el trono de David;  
extenderá su poder real a todas partes  
y la paz no se acabará;  
su reinado quedará bien establecido,  
y sus bases serán la justicia y el derecho  
desde ahora y para siempre.  
Esto lo hará el ardiente amor del Señor todopoderoso.

*Lector* Palabra de Dios.

*Pueblo* **Demos gracias a Dios.**

## ANTHEM

*Psalm 96 (Sing to the Lord and Praise His Name) Sung by the choir and the ensemble.*

Craig Curry (b. 1961)

O sing to the Lord,  
Sing Him a new song.  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth,  
O bless and praise His name.  
Proclaim his salvation day after day.  
Proclaim His glory among the nations,  
His deeds among peoples.  
For great is the Lord  
And greatly to be praised.  
He is to be feared above all gods.  
The other gods are idols,  
But the Lord made the heavens.  
Honor and majesty surround Him,  
Strength and beauty fill His sanctuary.

*Refrain* O sing to the Lord,  
Sing Him a new song.  
Sing to the Lord a new song  
and praise His name,  
O praise His name!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of nations  
Ascribe to the Lord the strength and glory due His name.  
Bring Him an offering and enter His courts.  
O worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.  
Let all the earth tremble before Him.  
Say among the nations, "the Lord reigns!"  
The world stand firmly and it cannot be shaken.  
He will judge all people,  
He will judge them fairly.

*Refrain*

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice,  
Let the sea and all within it shout His praise!  
Let the fields and crops celebrate,  
Let the trees of the forest sing for joy.  
For the Lord is coming to judge the earth,  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
And the peoples in His faithfulness.  
For great is the Lord,  
And greatly to be praised.  
He is to be feared above all gods.  
The other gods are idols,  
But the Lord made the heavens.  
Honor and majesty surround Him,  
Strength and beauty fill His sanctuary.

*Refrain*

Tell the news of His salvation  
Sing and praise His name!  
Let the sea and all His creatures,  
Sing and praise His name!  
Let the fields and crops within them,  
Sing and praise His name!  
Let the trees of every forest,  
Sing and praise His name!  
All creation join the chorus,  
Sing and praise His name!  
Sing to the Lord a new song and praise His name,  
O praise His name!  
Sing a song to the Lord all the earth,  
Praise His name, O praise His name!



## THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

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The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Pues Dios ha mostrado su bondad, al ofrecer la salvación a toda la humanidad. Esa bondad de Dios nos enseña a renunciar a la maldad y a los deseos mundanos, y a llevar en el tiempo presente una vida de buen juicio, rectitud y piedad, mientras llega el feliz cumplimiento de nuestra esperanza: el regreso glorioso de nuestro gran Dios y Salvador Jesucristo. Él se entregó a la muerte por nosotros, para rescatarnos de toda maldad y limpiarnos completamente, haciendo de nosotros el pueblo de su propiedad, empeñados en hacer el bien.

*Lector* Palabra de Dios.

*Pueblo* Demos gracias a Dios.

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

### HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

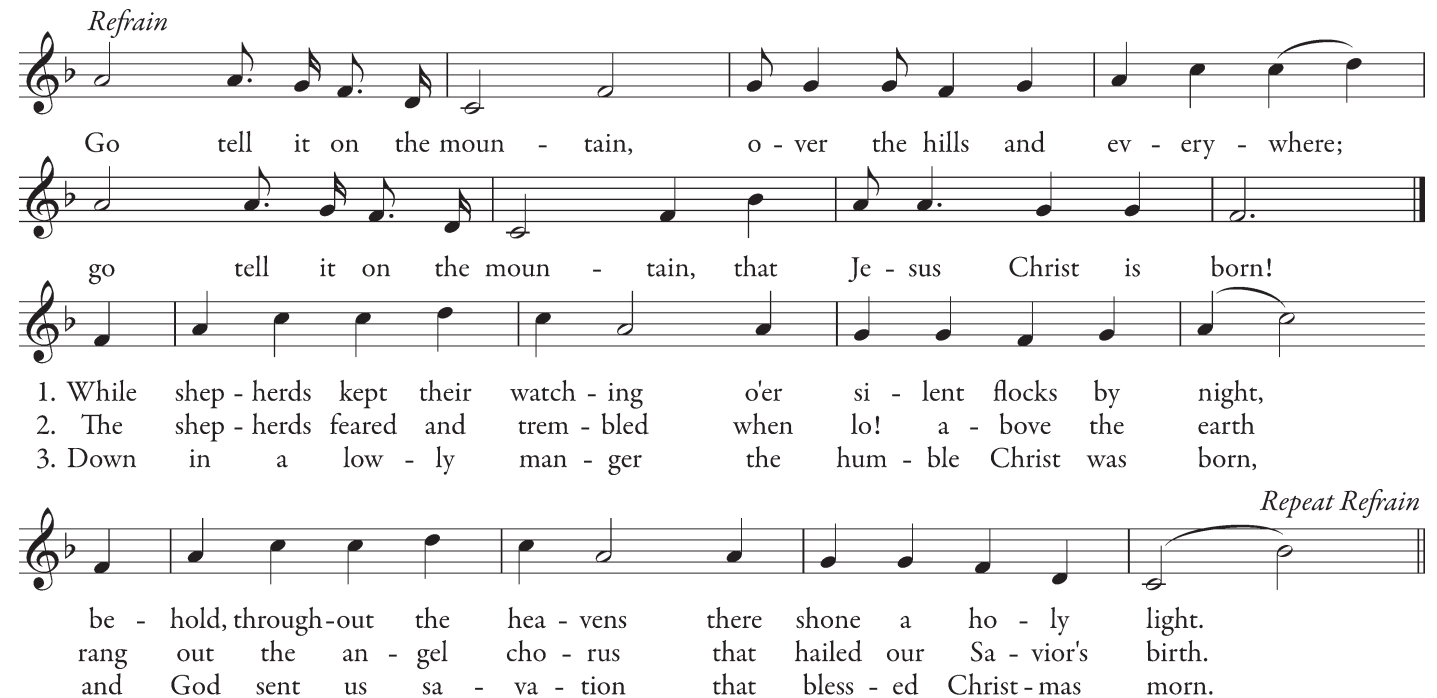
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Sung by all.*

Negro spiritual

*The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth born,  
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

*Repeat Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
 and God sent us sa - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

Luke 2:1-20

Lucas 2:1-20

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. 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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Evangelista* Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor  
Jesucristo según Lucas.

*Pueblo* **Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor**

Por aquel tiempo, el emperador Augusto ordenó que se hiciera un censo de todo el mundo. Este primer censo fue hecho siendo Quirinio gobernador de Siria. Todos tenían que ir a inscribirse a su propio pueblo. Por esto, José salió del pueblo de Nazaret, de la región de Galilea, y se fue a Belén, en Judea, donde había nacido el rey David, porque José era descendiente de David. Fue allá a inscribirse, junto con María, su esposa, que se encontraba encinta. Y sucedió que mientras estaban en Belén, le llegó a María el tiempo de dar a luz. Y allí nació su hijo primogénito, y lo envolvió en pañales y lo acostó en el establo, porque no había alojamiento para ellos en el mesón. Cerca de Belén había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo cuidando sus ovejas. De pronto se les apareció un ángel del Señor, y la gloria del Señor brilló alrededor de ellos; y tuvieron mucho miedo. Pero el ángel les dijo: «No tengan miedo, porque les traigo una buena noticia, que será motivo de gran alegría para todos: Hoy les ha nacido en el pueblo de David un salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. Como señal, encontrarán ustedes al niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un establo.» En aquel momento aparecieron, junto al ángel, muchos otros ángeles del cielo, que alababan a Dios y decían: «¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas! ¡Paz en la tierra entre los hombres que gozan de su favor!» Cuando los ángeles se volvieron al cielo, los pastores comenzaron a decirse unos a otros: «Vamos, pues, a Belén, a ver esto que ha sucedido y que el Señor nos ha anunciado.» Fueron de prisa y encontraron a María y a José, y al niño acostado en el establo. Cuando lo vieron, se pusieron a contar lo que el ángel les había dicho acerca del niño, y todos los que lo oyeron se admiraban de lo que decían los pastores. María guardaba todo esto en su corazón, y lo tenía muy presente. Los pastores, por su parte, regresaron dando gloria y alabanza a Dios por todo lo que habían visto y oído, pues todo sucedió como se les había dicho.

*Evangelista* El evangelio del Señor.  
*Pueblo* **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the bishop.*

## THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

*The people stand as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.*

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.

Creemos en un solo Dios,  
Padre todopoderoso,  
Creador del cielo y de la tierra,  
de todo lo visible e invisible.

Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,  
Hijo único de Dios,  
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:  
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz,  
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,  
engendrado, no creado,  
de la misma naturaleza que el Padre,  
por quien todo fue hecho;  
que por nosotros, y por nuestra salvación bajó  
del cielo,  
y por obra del Espíritu Santo  
se encarnó de María, la Virgen,  
y se hizo humano.  
Por nuestra causa fue crucificado  
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato;  
padeció y fue sepultado,  
resucitó al tercer día, según las escrituras,  
subió al cielo,  
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre;  
de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar  
a vivos y muertos,  
y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida,  
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,  
que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe  
una misma adoración y gloria,  
y que habló por los profetas.  
Creemos en la iglesia,  
que es una, santa, católica y apostólica.  
Reconocemos un solo bautismo  
para el perdón de los pecados.  
Esperamos la resurrección de los muertos  
y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the for Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.*

*After each intercession,*

*Intercessor* God of love and peace,  
*People* Hear us, we pray.

*Líder* Dios de amor y paz,  
*Pueblo* Escúchanos, te suplicamos.

*The dean prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Dean* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Deán* La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.  
*Pueblo* Y también contigo.

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love, hope, and peace this Christmas season. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet, or online at [cathedral.org/give](http://cathedral.org/give).*

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*A Babe Is Born*

*Sung by the choir.*

W. Mathias

*Sung in English and Latin.*

A babe is born all of a may  
To bring salvation unto us.  
To him we sing both night and day:  
*Veni Creator Spiritus.* (Come, Creator Spirit)

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,  
The Child of bliss now born he was;  
And him to serve God give us grace:  
*O lux beata Trinitas.* (O light of the blessed Trinity)

There came three kings out of the East,  
To worship the King that is so free,  
With gold and myrrh and frankincense:  
*A solis ortus cardine.* (From the rising of the sun)

*(15th-century English)*

The angels came down with one cry,  
A fair song that night sung they  
In worship of that child:  
*Gloria tibi, Domine.* (Glory to you, O Lord)  
Noel!

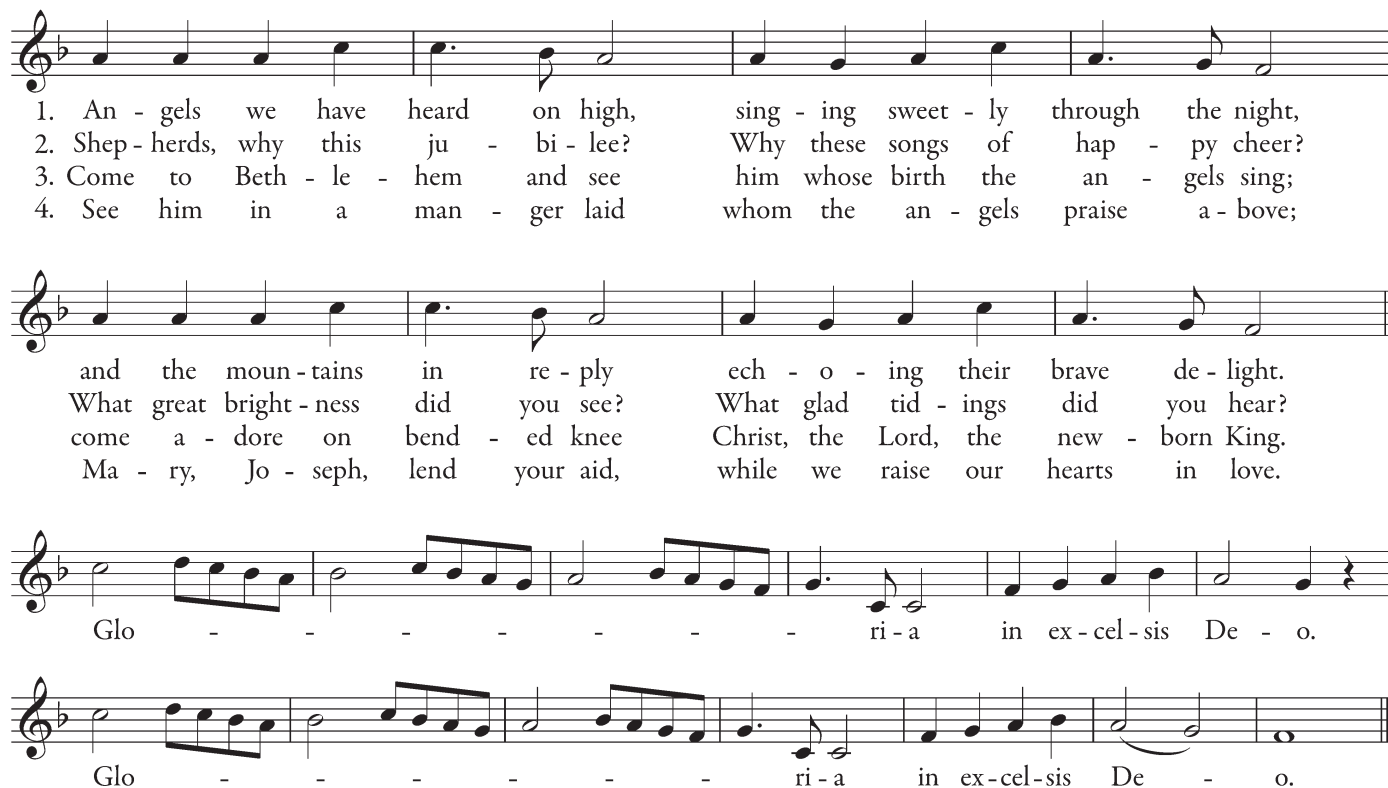
*The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.*

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

*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.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

*Dean* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Dean* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Dean* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

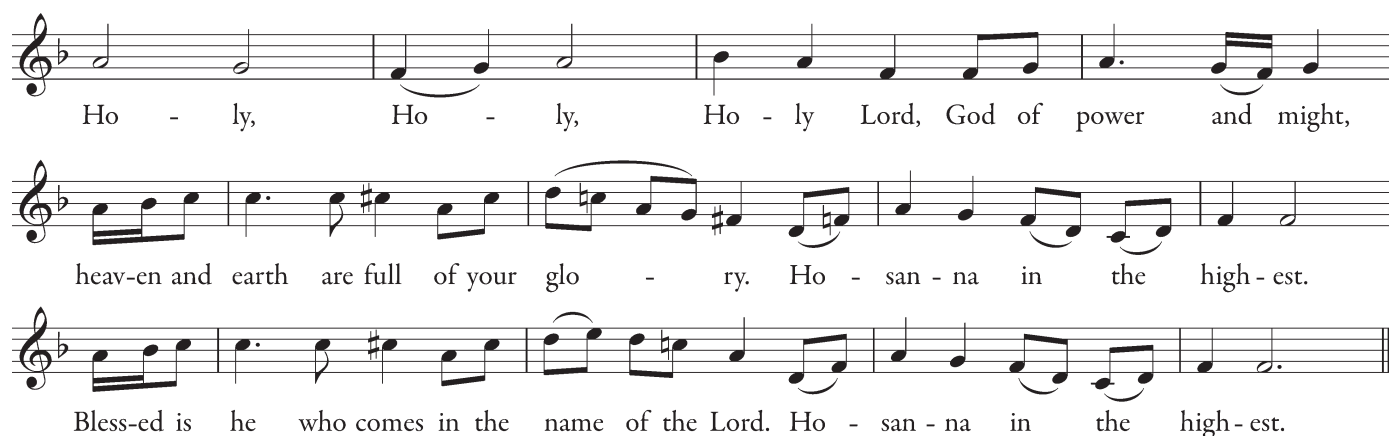
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Sung by all.*

Michele Fowlin

*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*We recall God's acts of salvation history. The dean says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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 blessed Mary and Joseph, our patrons, the Apostles 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.

*The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the dean has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

Dean And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en la tentación  
y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

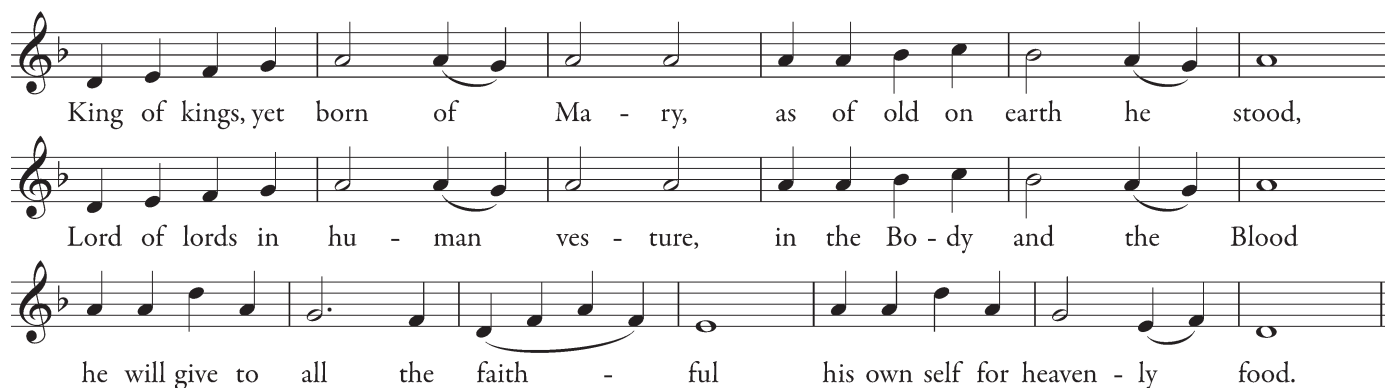
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The dean breaks the bread in silence.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Sung by all.*

*Picardy*



King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. For those who wish to consume wine, there are separate chalices for drinking and intincting (dipping the bread). You may either drink from a silver chalice or intinct (dip the bread) into a glass chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

*Those unable to receive Communion today are invited to say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.*

## ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

*O Holy Night*

*Sung by the ensemble.*

Placide Cappeau (1808–1877),  
Adolphe Adam (1803–1856); arr. Maverick City

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
‘Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

*Refrain* Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name, all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His Holy name.

Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

*Refrain*

## ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

*O magnum mysterium*

*Sung by the choir.*

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

*Sung in Latin.*

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in a manger. Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

*(Responsory from Christmas Day Matins)*

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

# HYMN AFTER THE COMMUNION

*Joy to the World*

*Sung by all.*

*Antioch*



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



King; let ev - ery and heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy, while fields - cry and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
 ground; he comes to make of his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and 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 curse is found.  
 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 POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Dios nuestro Padre,  
en esta noche has manifestado a nosotros otra vez  
la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo:  
confirma nuestra fe y fija nuestros ojos en él  
hasta que el día amanezca  
y Cristo la Estrella de la Mañana  
nazca en nuestros corazones.  
A él sea la gloria ahora y por siempre. Amén.

## 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!

## THE DISMISSAL

*Gospeller* Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made  
flesh.

*People* Thanks be to God.

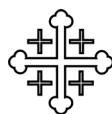
*Evangelista* Vayan en paz. Proclamen la Palabra hecha  
carne.

*People* Demos gracias a Dios.

## POSTLUDE

*La Nativité Du Seigneur: IX. Dieu Parmi Nous*

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)



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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