



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS DAY

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 25, 2011
NINE AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, celebrant
The Reverend Lyndon Shakespeare, gospeller
The Reverend Canon Samuel Van Culin, assistant
The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, preacher
Cathedral Singers

CARILLON PRELUDE

Hark! The herald angels sing Mendelssohn; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938)
Once in Royal David's city Irby; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
Gloria in Excelsis Deo from Novena di Natale for carillon Nino Rota
(1911-1979)
Angels from the realms of glory Regent Square; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)
O Come, all ye faithful *Adeste fideles*; arr. Kamiel Lefevere (1888-1974)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

Canon Cope

INTROIT

Ding dong! merrily on high arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, *Hosanna in excelsis!* E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen and *i-o, i-o, i-o*, by priest and people sungen. Gloria, *Hosanna in excelsis!* Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, *Hosanna in excelsis!*

George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand for the procession and sing.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 83

O come, all ye faithful *Adeste fideles*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy:
a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.
Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

from *Missa Brevis in D*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, Benedicimus te, Adoramus te, Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Filiunigenite Jesus Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi. Suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris: miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus; Tu solus Dominus; Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you because of your great glory. Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You who takes away the sins of the world, receive our supplication. You who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The celebrant prays the collect, and the people respond Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96

chant: Thalben-Ball

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.

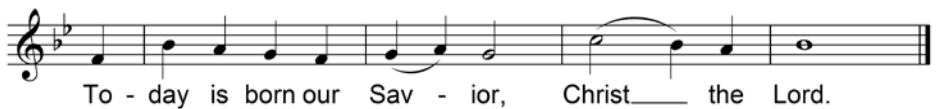


The choir sings the psalm.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
 he is more to be feared than all gods.
 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 let the whole earth tremble before him.
 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."
 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the Lord when he comes,
 when he comes to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world with righteousness
 and the peoples with his truth.

All sing the antiphon.



THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 93

Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

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!"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

Bishop Mariann

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all.*

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 petition,

Glory to God in the highest.
Peace to all people of good will.

The celebrant prays the concluding collect 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 then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

A babe is born

William Mathias (1934–1992)

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus*. 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*. 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*. The angels came down with one cry, a fair song that night sung they in worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine*. A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus*. *Noel!*

fifteenth century

The people stand for the presentation acclamation and remain standing.

PRESENTATION HYMN - 96

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

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 our thanks and praise.

The celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy

W. Mathias

Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

The celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection, and recalls before God the institution of the Lord's Supper.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore, according to his command, O God,
We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his
coming in glory;

The celebrant gives thanks to God and prays over the bread and 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 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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore_ let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

INVITATION *The people are seated.*

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

CAROL

Quem vidistis pastores

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Quem vidistis pastores? Dicite, annunciate nobis in terris quis apparuit? Natum vidimus, et chorus angelorum collaudantes Dominum. Dicite quidnam vidistis? Et annunciate Christi Nativitatem.

Tell us, shepherds, who did you see? Tell us, who came down to earth? We saw the birth, the choir of angels singing to God. Tell us how it happened? Announce the news of Christ's birth.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 102

Once in royal David's city

Irby

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all.*

We give you thanks, O God, for you have visited your people. In the human frailty of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed the face of divinity. Gather into your arms all the people of the world, so that in your embrace we might share your peace and goodwill which is the inheritance of your children everywhere. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS DAY

The bishop offers a blessing and the people respond Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 87 *Sung by all.*

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

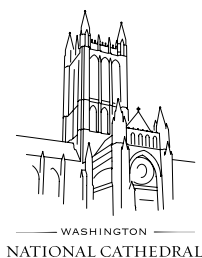
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sortie sur 'Venez, Divin Messie'

Pierre Cochereau (1924-1984)

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