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Christmas Eve

Thursday, 24 December 2020

7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist

Carol Prelude

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST • 24 DECEMBER 2020 • 7:10 PM

Welcome to Grace Cathedral — online! You are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

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DING DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH

Traditional French, arr. David Willcocks

Choir 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 io, io, io, 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!*

- G. R. Woodward

TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME

Traditional French, arr. Mary Lynn Place Badarak

Choir 'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead; Before their light the stars grew dim and wondering hunters heard the hymn, "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*"

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found; A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round but as the hunter braves drew nigh the angel song rang loud and high, "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*"

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there. The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*

O children of the forest free, O seed of Manitou, the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty peace and joy. Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*

- Jean de Brébeuf

YA VIENE LA VIEJA

Sung in Spanish.

Traditional Spanish, arr. Alice Parker

Choir Here comes the old lady with a little gift, It seems so much to her, that she takes some of it away. Little green leaves lemon leaves, the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior. Here come the Kings through the desert, And they bring to the Child a royal tower. Here come the Kings down this road, And they bring to the Child sweet-cakes in wine.

- Spanish Carol

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Traditional English, arr. Alice Parker

Choir What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary. Why lies he in such mean estate where

ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent word is pleading. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

- William Dix

FUM, FUM, FUM

Traditional Catalán, arr. Alice Parker

Choir On December five and twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum!
On December five and twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum!
Oh, a child was born this night, so rosy white, so rosy white.
Son of Mary, Virgin Holy, In a stable mean and lowly, Fum, Fum, Fum!
On December five and twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum!
On December five and twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum!
On December's most important day, let us be gay, let us be gay.
We go first to church and then we have the sweetest buns and candy,
Fum, Fum, Fum!
God will send us days of feasting, Fum, Fum, Fum!
Both in hot months and in cold, for young and old, for young and old,
When we tell the Holy Story, ever singing of His glory, Fum, Fum, Fum!

- Alice Parker

BALULALOW

Elizabeth Poston

Choir O my deir heart, young Jesus sweet, prepare Thy cradle in my spreit,
And I sall rock Thee in my heart, and never more from Thee depart.
But I sall praise Thee evermoir with songes sweet unto Thy gloir:
The knees of my heart sall I bow, and sing that richt Balulalow!

- James, John and Robert Wedderburn

ILLUMINARE, JERUSALEM

Judith Weir

Choir Jerusalem rejos for joy: Jesus the sterne of most beauty,
In thee is rissin as richtous roy fro dirkness to illumine thee.
With glorious sound of angel glee thy prince is born in Bethlehem
Which sall thee mak of thralldome free: *Illuminare Jerusalem.*
With angellis licht in legionis thou art illuminit all about.
Three kingis of strange regionis to thee are cumin with lusty rout.
All drest with dyamantis, reverst with gold in ev'ry hem,
Sounding attoneis with a shout: *Illuminare Jerusalem.*
The regeand tarrant that in thee rang, Herod, is exileit and his offspring,
The Land of Juda that josit wrang, and rissin is now thy richtous king.
So he so mychtie is and digne when men his glorious name does nem,
Heaven, erd and hell makis inclyning: *Illuminare Jerusalem.*

- 15th-century Bannatyne manuscript

SLEEPS JUDEA FAIR

Hugh MacKinnon

Choir Sleeps Judea fair, bides the Christ there: Shepherds, haste ye! Flocks forsaking,
swift your way to him be taking, Babe of Israel's prayer. Christ from God is
come choosing earthly home: Royal pomp and splendor never, but with love
which naught can sever, He will heal the dumb; Christ from God is come.
Lowly bend the knee, thou from sin set free: Let the Christ Child, meekly
smiling, Infant-wise all woe beguiling, grant his grace to thee! -Hugh MacKinnon

The Holy Eucharist

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The people stand as the procession enters.

VOLUNTARY

La nativité

Jean Langlais

HYMN 83, V I

Sung by all.

Adeste Fideles

- 1 **O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

WELCOME

The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California

HYMN 83, vv 5–6

Sung by all.

Adeste Fideles

- 5 **Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord.**
- 6 **Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord.**

text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others; music: present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung in Latin.

Jonathan Dove
Missa brevis

An ancient hymn inspired by the angels' song over Bethlehem.

Choir Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, 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 DAY

Presider May God be with you
People **And also with you.**

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96: 1-4, 11-13

The people remain seated.

chant: Charles Hanforth



Choir, then all repeat **O sing un - to the Lord a new song.**

Choir Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless the LORD's Name;
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare the glory of the LORD among the nations
and the wonders of the LORD among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
more to be feared than all gods.

All **O sing unto the Lord a new song.**

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 who is coming,
who is coming to judge the earth.

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with truth.

All **O sing unto the Lord a new song.**

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

Reader A reading from the letter to Titus.

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 **Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!**

Upper Voices *Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy... repeat the sounding joy!*

Lower Voices *No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found... far as the curse is found.*

- All 4 **He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love... wonders of his love.**

text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia; then the people join the singing.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy!



People to you is born a Sav - ior Christ the Lord.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

All **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.

After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

RETIRING ACCLAMATION



People Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

THE SERMON

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Bishop of California

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand.

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

The people remain standing.

After each petition **God, grant us peace.**

The presider adds a concluding collect.

All respond **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

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The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

David Willcocks

Choir Masters in this hall, hear ye news today brought from over sea, and ever I you pray: Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we clear! Holpen are all folk on earth, born is God's Son so dear: Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we loud! God today hath poor folk raised and cast a-down the proud. Going o'er the hills, through the milk-white snow, heard I ewes bleat while the wind did blow: (refrain). Shepherds many a one sat among the sheep, no man spake more word than they had been asleep: (refrain). Quoth I, "Fellows mine, why this guise sit ye? Making but dull cheer, shepherds though ye be?": (refrain). "Shepherds should of right leap and dance and sing, thus to see ye sit, is a right strange thing": (refrain). Quoth these fellows then, "to Beth'lem town we go, to see a mighty lord lie in manger low": (refrain). "How name ye this lord, shepherds" then said I. "Very God" they said, "come from heaven high": This is Christ the Lord, masters, be ye glad! Christmas is come in, and no folk should be sad: (refrain).

- William Morris

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 2 (1998)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **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.

Presider, continuing ... 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

Sung in Latin.

George Malcom
Missa ad praeesepe

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider concluding By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Presider Alleluia. Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
People **The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the people of God.

AGNUS DEI

Sung in Latin.

Malcolm

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
All **God with us, we give you thanks that at this table you break open our hearts and fill us with peace beyond all fear. Sustain us on our winter pilgrimage, and lead us by a star to the place where your finest gifts are shared and your dream for creation comes to birth, through Mary's son, Jesus our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

The Sending Forth

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL The Bishop pronounces God's blessing.

All respond **Amen.**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 87

Mendelssohn

- 1 **Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!***
- 2 **Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!***
- 3 **Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Ris'n with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!***

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.; music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

VOLUNTARY

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne



SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young , Dean
Homilist	The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus , Bishop of California
Deacon	The Ven. Canon Nina Pickerrell , Archdeacon
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Lector	Suzanne Elliott
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