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## **Christmas Day**

*Friday, 25 December 2020*

*11 a.m. Choral Eucharist*

# The Holy Eucharist

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS DAY • 25 DECEMBER 2020 • II AM

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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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VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in A major, BWV 536

Johann Sebastian Bach

## The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.

INTROIT

Sung in Latin.

Mode 7

**Choir** Today Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared; today on earth angels are singing, archangels rejoicing: today the righteous exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

STATION AT THE CRÈCHE

The procession stops before the crèche.

**Presider** The glory of the Lord has been revealed;  
**People** **and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

Let us pray. O God the Son, highest and holiest, who humbled yourself to share our birth and our death: bring us with the shepherds and Magi to kneel before your holy cradle, that we may come to sing with your angels your glorious praises in heaven; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God, world without end. **Amen.**

HYMN 83

Sung by all, standing.

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.***
- 2 **God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten Son of the Father;  
*O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord.***
- 3 **Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;  
*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)

## 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

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

Missa brevis

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.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Word of God

### THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

**H**ow beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth

together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Choir, then All **O sing un – to the Lord a new song.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
 for the LORD has done marvelous things.  
 The right hand and the holy arm of the LORD \*  
 Have secured the victory.  
 The LORD has made known this victory; \*  
 And has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
 The LORD remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Sung by all **O sing unto the Lord a new song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, \*  
 shout with joy before the Sovereign, the LORD.  
 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it; \*  
 the lands and those who dwell therein.  
 Let the rivers clap their hands; \*  
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
 who is coming to judge the earth.  
 In righteousness shall the LORD judge the world; \*  
 and the peoples with equity.

Sung by all **O sing unto the Lord a new song.**

## THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-12

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

**L**ong ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into

the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan\_\_ to be,  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, When the Vir - gin, full\_\_ of grace,  
 3 O ye heights of heav'n a - dore\_\_ him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,  
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of\_\_ our race;  
 powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, And ex - tol our God and King;  
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be:



of the things that are that have\_\_\_\_\_ been,  
 and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - - - - er,  
 let no tongue on earth be si - - - - - lent,  
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - - - - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more, and ev - er - more!\_\_  
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more, and ev - er - more!\_\_  
 ev - ery voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more, and ev - er - more!\_\_  
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more, and ev - er - more!\_\_

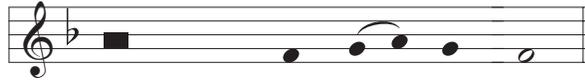
text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; music: Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

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 The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;



People full of grace and truth.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Before the reading The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.

After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young  
Dean

## 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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## OFFERTORY

God Rest You Merry, arr. David Willcocks

- 1 **God rest you merry, gentlefolk, let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.**  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*
- 2 **From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.**  
*O tidings of comfort and joy... O tidings of comfort and joy!*
- 3 **"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."**  
*O tidings of comfort and joy... O tidings of comfort and joy!*
- 4 **Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and with true love and charity, each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.**  
*O tidings of comfort and joy... O tidings of comfort and joy!*

text: adapted for local use from London carol, 18th cent.; music: melody from Little Book of Christmas Carols, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## 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.

## Music during Communion

### 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.**

### HYMN 100

Sung by all, standing.

Antioch

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 BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**      The presider pronounces God's blessing.

All respond **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

Fantasy on *Divinum mysterium*

Gerre Hancock



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