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Voluntary

Berceuse Paraphrase

George Baker

The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.

Introit

Choir Ding-dong, ding: Ding-a-dong-a-ding: Ding-dong, ding-dong: Ding-a-dong-ding. Up! good Christen folk, and listen howw the merry churchbells ring, and from steeple bid good people come adore the newborn King. Tell the story how from glory God came down at Christmastide, bringing gladness, chasing sadness, showering blessings far and wide. Born of mother, blest o’er other, Ex Marie Virgine. In a stable (‘tis no fable), Christus natus hodie.

- G.R. Woodward

Hymn 93

Sung by all, standing.

Regent Square

text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.; music: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Opening Acclamation

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

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.

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Reader  A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
Psalm 147:13–21

The people remain seated.

Sarah MacDonald

Choir, then all  

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Choir  

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion;

For God has strengthened the bars of your gates *

and blessed your children within you.

God has established peace on your borders; *

and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

God's command is sent out to the earth, *

and the word of the LORD runs very swiftly.

All  

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

God gives snow like wool *

and scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

God scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *

who can stand against the cold of the LORD?

God's word is sent forth and melts them; *

God's stormwinds blow, and the waters flow.

God's word is declared to Jacob, *

God's statutes and judgments to Israel.

The LORD has not done so to any other nation; *

to them God's judgments have not been revealed. Hallelujah!

All  

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

Reader  

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People  

Thanks be to God.
**The Holy Gospel**

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

John 1:1-18

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Choir  To all who believe in his name

People Jesus gave power to become God’s children.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

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 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. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

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

The Sermon
A period of silence may follow.
The Rev. Mary Carter Greene
Minister for Congregational Life

The Nicene Creed
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 God of Glory, hear our prayer.
The presider adds a concluding collect.
All Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
All And also with you.

All may greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements
Announcements about your cathedral home, and ways you can be a part of this vibrant community.
The Holy Communion

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Anthem

Choir  What is this pleasant fragrance, Shepherds, that robs all our senses? That resembles no other fragrance found in fields of Spring flowers? But what brilliant light comes to strike our eyes in the night? The day-start, in its course, never is so bright! In Bethlehem, in a manger, a Savior is born unto you. Let us go! Let nothing impede you from worshipping your Redeemer. God all-powerful, eternal glory. You are given, even to the Heavens; that peace may become universal, that grace may abound everywhere.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 by all.

Franz Schubert
Presider, concluding

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ ... now and for ever.

All

A-MEN.

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Sung by all

\[ \text{Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.} \]

Cantor

Behold the Lamb of God,

People

who takes away the sin of the world.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Invitation to Communion

The presider invites the people to come forward, receive the Bread and return to their seats to consume it.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at the center gate; please ask the Communion minister.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God’s table.

Agnus Dei

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

After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Sending

Sung by all, standing.

Divinum mysterium

Hymn 82

1. Of the Father's love he got ten, are the worlds begun to be,
2. O that birth for ever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace,
3. O ye heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts, his praises sing:
4. Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,

He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
powers, dominions, bow before him. And exalt our God and Kings.

Hon'or, glory, and dominion,

and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, ever,
let no tongue on earth with sin besmirch it,

and that future years shall see, ever, ever more, and ever more!
first revealed his sacred face, ever, ever more, and ever more!
crystal voice in concert ring, ever, ever more, and ever more!

and eternal victory, ever, ever more, and ever more!

of the things that are that have been,
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, ever,
let no tongue on earth with sin besmirch it,

and that future years shall see, ever, ever more, and ever more!
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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

Serving the Assembly

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The Rev. Canon Mark E. Stanger, Interim Executive Pastor

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The Rev. Mary Carter Greene, Minister for Congregational Life

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Jennifer Paulino, soprano
Meghan Spyker, alto
Barrie Cowan, tenor
Sidney Chen, bass
Denny Kern, Volunteer Carillonneur
I’m seeing lots of little, and much appreciated signs of kindness abroad in the area lately. The young delivery driver halting at the stop sign while Sheila and I negotiate packages, Pixar and ourselves across the intersection. The driver not only patiently waited, he rolled down his window, gave a big smile and the hand sign for “it’s all good.” The woman walking the rescue greyhound taking down her mask to say, “Good morning,” as I retrieve the newspaper from the front porch. As I said, little things, but how happily I respond in my heart! Could all these be signs of our longing to connect, to move toward the fulfillment of the Christmas prayer, “…binding together Earth and Heaven, Heaven and Earth?”

This Christmas may I suggest that what we look at helps inform us, shape our thinking and even our being? This Christmas, perhaps it would be helpful to look not only at the beautiful baby Jesus, but widening our gaze and seeing the Holy Family. Or, as I suggested in another Christmas writing, to look at the whole scene that comprises the traditional Nativity tableau - the Holy Family, the animals, the shepherds, the angels and the Magi. We just pre-recorded elements of the Bishop’s Pageant yesterday in the cathedral, and I took a minute to go over and look at the Spanish crèche in the North Transept. Seeing the whole Nativity landscape helps remind me to look for community in my own life, to encourage community, and to be grateful for even seemingly trivial expressions of community. Merry Christmas, and may God bless you in this season and the year ahead!

— The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California

Welcome to Grace Cathedral. We're delighted that you have chosen to be part of the cathedral community at Christmas. You may be wondering about communion generally and especially during COVID. Communion is shared at the 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and at 11 a.m. Christmas Day. We will share Communion in one kind, Bread alone. All are welcome to receive. An usher will guide you to one of four stations at the front of the church, near the high Altar. Please keep your mask on as you come forward. Approach the communion minister with your palms open, receive the Bread in your hand, say “Amen,” and then return to your seat, lower your mask and eat. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are also welcome to come forward for a blessing. Just approach the communion minister with your arms crossed across your chest, and they will offer God’s blessing. May the joy, peace and hope of the Christchild fill your hearts and homes this Christmas.

— The Rev. Anna E. Rossi Precentor, Director of Interfaith Engagement

Welcome to Grace Cathedral. Entering this cathedral, we become more aware of the intimate presence which abides everywhere in the world, the spirit of creativity, compassion, healing and holiness. This place grounds us in this beautiful mystery just as it inspires us with hope that we can make this life better than it has been in the past. The altar in the Chapel of the Nativity was installed in 1936 as tensions were escalating around the world. In the mural above it a shepherd is playing the flute and pauses when he hears the choir of angels. I pray that we also will have the chance to pause and hear the voice of God during this holy season. I pray that as we celebrate the vulnerability of God in Jesus we will experience a rebirth of joy and wonder in the face of his simple teaching—that all people without exception are God’s beloved children.

— The Very Rev. Malcolm Clemens Young, ThD, Dean of Grace Cathedral
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KING AND FAITH: TOWARD JUSTICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 3 P.M. INTERFAITH EVENSONG, 4 P.M. FORUM
Moderated by Stanford historian and MLK scholar Clayborne Carson, the forum creates space to critique, analyze and thoughtfully question assumptions about King and faith, King and community, and King and society — and to ignite dialogue and programs of action toward justice. Join us for our annual MLK Interfaith Evensong, followed by this in-person discussion.

AMBIENT GRACE
JANUARY 1 AND FEBRUARY 5 AT 7 P.M.
Enjoy past Ambient Grace performances by Carlos Souffront, Christina Chatfield, and Carrie Morrison streaming on-demand New Year's Day. Join us in person on February 5 for the first 2022 performance of Ambient Grace featuring Its Own Infinite Flower (LIVE). Tickets are available starting December 30th on Eventbrite.

THE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL
The Community Preschool is currently providing tours and accepting applications for enrollment for the 21/22 and the 22/23 school year. For admissions for 22/23 school year, must tour and submit application by February 24. Rolling admissions for 21/22 school year. Please email brookeg@gracecathedral.org for more information.
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MORNING PRAYER: ZOOM
MONDAY—FRIDAY AT 9 A.M.

EVENING PRAYER:
CHAPEL OF GRACE AND ZOOM
TUESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.

MIDDAY EUCHARIST:
CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY
WEDNESDAYS AT 12 P.M.

THE VINE:
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

CHORAL EVENSONG:
IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
THURSDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS:
IN PERSON
SUNDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.

CHORAL EUCHARIST:
IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
SUNDAYS AT 11 A.M.

VESPER LIGHT: EVENING EUCHARIST
IN PERSON AND ZOOM
SUNDAYS AT 6 P.M.