The First Sunday after Christmas
Feast of Saint John the Divine
27 December 2020

11 AM The Liturgy of the Word
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Reverend Canon Patrick Malloy, Officiant
The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, Preacher
10th Dean, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
The Cathedral Choir, Chorale, & Choristers

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Variations on “Greensleeves”
David Briggs (b. 1962)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION
Officiant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.
OPENING HYMN

Sung by All.

1 O little town of Beth-le-hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 How si-lent-ly, how si-lent-ly, the won-drous gift is given!
3 O ho-ly Child of Beth-le-hem, de-scend to us, we pray;

Abo-vé thy deep and dream-less sleep the si-lent stars go by;
So God im-parts to hu-man hearts the bless-ings of his heaven.

Yet in thy dark streets shin-eth the ev-er-last-ing Light;
No ear may hear his com-ing, but in this world of sin,

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night,
where meek souls will re-ceive him, still the dear Christ en-ter-s in.

O come to us, a-bide with us, our Lord Em-ma-nu-el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893)
Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831–1908)
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Séd upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

MOSES said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

(33:18–23)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.
PSALM 92

Said responsively.

Bonum est confiteri

Lector It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
People and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
Lector To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning
People and of your faithfulness in the night season;
Lector On the psaltery, and on the lyre,
People and to the melody of the harp.
Lector For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
People and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
Lector Lord, how great are your works!
People your thoughts are very deep.
Lector The dullard does not know,
People nor does the fool understand,
that though the wicked grow like weeds,
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
Lector They flourish only to be destroyed for ever;
People but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.
Lector For lo, your enemies, O Lord,
People lo, your enemies shall perish,
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
Lector But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls;
People I am anointed with fresh oil.
Lector My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
People and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.
Lector The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
People and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
Lector Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;
People They shall still bear fruit in old age;
People they shall be green and succulent;
Lector That they may show how upright the Lord is,
People my Rock, in whom there is no fault.
A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Officiant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. (21:19b-24)

Officiant  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.
THE SERMON
The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III
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ANTHEM

And I saw a new heaven
Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed
away; and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and
God himself shall be with them and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain,
for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1–4

THE NICENE CREED

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 are asked to pray for the Church, the nations and their leaders, those in need, and the dead.

After each petition, the People say

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Officiant concludes with a collect, and the People respond

Amen.

The weekly list of Cathedral intercessions may be found on page 11 of this leaflet.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Officiant and People

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 BLESSING

The Officiant pronounces a blessing, and the People respond

Amen.
CLOSING HYMN

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
floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy;
make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found;
of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and
heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.
peal the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.
wonders of his love, wonders of his love.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns distress the ground; he comes to
heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.
joy, and wonders of his love.
found, far as the curse is found.
love, and wonders of his love.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories
of the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every
floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy;
make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found;
of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885)
Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910); Descant: Kent Tritle (b. 1960)
THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant*  Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*La Nativité du Seigneur*    Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

IX. *Dieu parmi nous*

Thanks to Jie Yi, Christopher Clowdus, and Goura Rivera for producing the hymn videos.
ONLINE SERVICES
MONDAY–SATURDAY
8:30 AM  Morning Prayer
5:30 PM   Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY
8:30 PM   Compline

SUNDAY
11 AM    Liturgy of the Word

INTERCESSIONS

The Cathedral Community intends to pray the following intercessions at all services in the course of the week. Congregants are always invited to name their intercessions aloud during the Prayers of the People.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome
His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch
The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches
Bishop Ivan M. Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council
The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches

In the New York Diocesan Calendar of Intercession, we pray for St. John’s-in-the-Wilderness, Stony Point.

For all those who are sick or in distress or any trouble:
Donna
Carla
Harlan
Ana & William Cress
Manny Lampidis
Rodolfo Bolaños
Francisco Bahena
Glenda and Gordon Strother and the Atherton family

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead:
Paolo Biasutti
Maggie
Maria De Jesus Diaz Bolaños
Luis Manuel Vasquez Gomez
Robert Caldwell
Wilma Frye

UPCOMING EVENT
THURSDAY, 31 DECEMBER
7 PM
Online New Year’s Eve Concert for Peace.
As this year unlike any other comes to a close, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine will offer a new, online iteration of the beloved annual New Year’s Eve Concert for Peace. A holiday tradition for over 30 years, the Concert for Peace was founded by Leonard Bernstein as a tribute to the people of New York City. In homage to Bernstein’s original concept, the Cathedral will use this year’s online performance as a way to safely pay tribute to the bravery, selflessness, and ongoing resilience of the city. For more information and to view the performance, visit stjohndivine.org.
**ONGOING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

**THE CATHEDRAL REGATHERS**

Whether in person or on our website, there are many ways to join the Cathedral community and stay in touch. The Cathedral is now open 9:30 am – 3 pm Mondays – Fridays and 9:30 am – 5 pm Saturdays – Sundays. Admission for sightseeing is $5. All those seeking individual prayer, reflection, meditation, or Columbarium visits will be welcomed without charge. Our online community resources and programs, including streaming worship services, messages from the Dean, virtual tours, music recitals, and children’s activities, and contact information for Cathedral clergy, are just a few clicks away at stjohndivine.org.

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CARES (CCC) SOUP KITCHEN**

During this time, the CCC Soup Kitchen remains open each Sunday, serving bagged meals to those in need. For more information or to volunteer, contact Thomas Perry at tperry@stjohndivine.org. Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated as we continue to serve our most vulnerable community members.

**THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT SAVIOUR**

Chartered in 1992, the Congregation of Saint Saviour is a 400-member strong community of believers who support the Cathedral with our time, talent, and money. We serve as lay ministers, ushers, vergers, readers, acolytes, choir members, and outreach volunteers. Although the Cathedral remains closed to large gatherings, we have created a vibrant online community with opportunities for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. To learn more about ‘the heart of the Cathedral,’ visit www.saintsaviour.org, or reach out to our Canon Pastor, Steven Lee, at slee@stjohndivine.org.

**IMMIGRATION AND SANCTUARY RESOURCES**

The Cathedral is a house of worship for all, regardless of immigration status. If you, or members of your family, community or parish, need assistance navigating life as an immigrant of any legal status, we hope to connect you with the resources you need. For information on upcoming programs and more resources from the city and Diocese, visit stjohndivine.org.

**SERMONS ARCHIVE NOW ONLINE**

Visit the Cathedral’s website to stream or download audio from past 11 AM Sunday Choral Eucharist sermons and listen on the go. Visit stjohndivine.org/spiritual/sermons-archive/ to listen and download.