



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

11 AM The Liturgy of the Word



The Cathedral  
Church of **Saint John**  
the **Divine**

**125**  
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**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

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**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

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

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**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 lit - tle 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;

A - bove 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.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

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,  
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

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 - ters 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)

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**S**HED 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.

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**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS**

**M**OSES 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,  
nor does the fool understand,  
*People* 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,  
lo, your enemies shall perish,  
*People* 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  
*People* shall flourish in the courts of our God;

*Lector* 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.

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**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**ESUS 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

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## ANTHEM

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

**A**ND 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

*Said by All.*

**W**E 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.

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## 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.*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Officiant and People*



UR 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 BLESSING

*The Officiant pronounces a blessing,  
and the People respond*

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let ev - ery  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy, while fields and  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 floods, rocks, hills and plains, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 make his bless - ings flow far as the curse is found, far  
 of his right - eous - ness, and won - ders of his love, and

1 and heaven and na - ture  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing  
 3 far as the curse is  
 4 and won - ders of his

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

sing, and heaven and na - ture sing,  
 joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy,  
 found, far as the curse is found,  
 love, and won - ders 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 Tittle (b. 1960)

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

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**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*La Nativité du Seigneur*                      Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)  
IX. Dieu parmi nous

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*Thanks to Jie Yi, Christopher Cloudus, 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.*

**I**N 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](http://stjohndivine.org).

**CLERGY**

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Bishop Assistant of New York

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Canon Pastor and Vicar, Congregation of Saint Saviour

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**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](http://stjohndivine.org).

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CARES (CCC)  
SUNDAY 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](mailto: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](http://www.saintsaviour.org), or reach out to our Canon Pastor, Steven Lee, at [slee@stjohndivine.org](mailto: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](http://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/](http://stjohndivine.org/spiritual/sermons-archive/) to listen and download.

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