



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
YEARS

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 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)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

SHED 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,
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.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

WE declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1:1–9)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III
10th Dean, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine

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

Said by 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 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 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.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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

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.

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

Kristin Bergfeld

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.

CLERGY

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Bishop Assistant of New York

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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.

**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. 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.

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