

God with Us

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
Monday, 25 December 2023

10:30 AM Choral Eucharist



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

CHORAL EUCHARIST

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Celebrant*
 The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy, *Preacher*
XI Dean, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
 The Cathedral Choir

PRELUDE

Fugue on *Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella* Jacob Gruss (b. 2002)

“Prelude in the Style of Bach” Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921);
 from *Oratorio de Noël*, Op. 12 trans. Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

Fanfare & Minuet on *Adeste Fideles* Daniel Ficarri

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Sung by All, standing as able.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2 God of God, Light of Light,
 3 (*unison*) Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 (*unison*) Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 Je - su, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

Come, and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels:
 Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten not cre - a - ted:
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786), tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880)

Music: *Adeste Fideles*, present form att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786), arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015); Verse 5 descant: David Willcocks

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

CAROL OF PRAISE

Sung All, standing as able.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.

Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958). Verse 4 descant: Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Celebrant* Let us pray.*The Celebrant prays the collect and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH*(52:7-10)**After the reading is said:**Lector* The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.**PSALM 98***Sung by the Choir.**Cantate Domino*Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, 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,
when he comes to judge the earth.In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

Chant: Peter Aston (1938-2013)

SEQUENCE ANTHEM*Sung by the Choir.**Nowell: Verbum caro factum est*

Tamsin Jones (b. 1972)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN*(1:1-14)**Deacon* The ✙ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* Glory to you, O Lord*The Deacon reads the gospel, followed by the words:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy
XI Dean, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine

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.

Said by All, standing as able.

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.

OFFERTORY HYMN

*The People remain seated while singing,
until they are censed.*

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 (*unison*) Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled:
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings;

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

with the'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new - born King.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so with you.

Celebrant: Lift — up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant prays in the name of the assembly. In the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, these acclamations are sung.

Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

Have mer - cy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

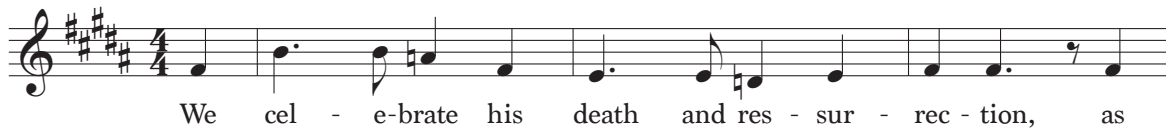
By his blood, he re-con-ciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

All: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

Cantor/Choir: might, *All:* heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

Cantor/Choir: san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

All: name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Music: Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

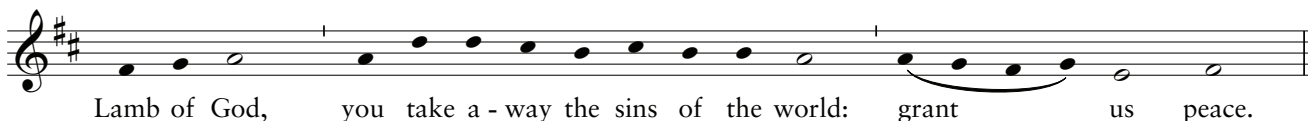
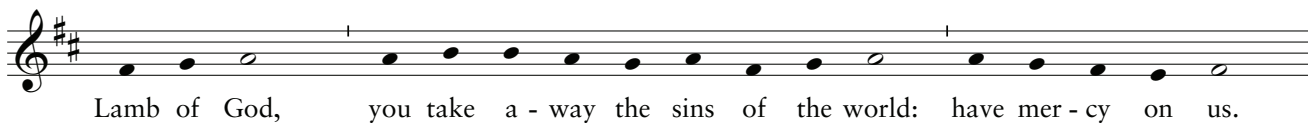
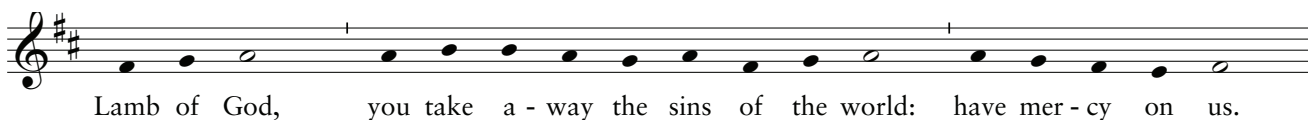
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say

Celebrant 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. Then is sung



Music: *Agnus Dei* from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

O Magnum Mysterium

T. L. de Victoria (1548-1611)

MAGNUM mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in præsepio.
Beata Virgo,
cujus viscera meruerunt portare
Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord
lying in a manger.
O blessed Virgin,
whose womb was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

Responsory at Matins, Christmas Day

POST COMMUNION HYMN

A time of silence is observed after the Holy Communion, then the hymn is sung by All, standing as able.

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: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); Music: Antioch, George Frederic Handel (1685-1759) adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), Verse 4 descant: Kent Tittle (b. 1960)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

LTERNAL 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 DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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