Joy to the World

The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Sunday, 24 December 2023

10:00 рм Prelude 10:30 рм Festal Eucharist



FESTAL EUCHARIST ON THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY

The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, XVI Bishop of New York Please note: Photography and video recording may be in process Celebrant & Preacher The Cathedral Choir, Chorale, & Choristers

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Beginning at 10 o'clock.

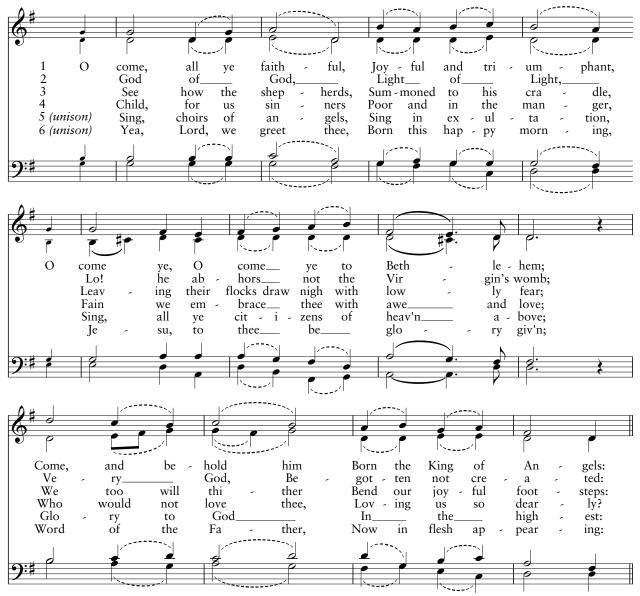
from Poèmes Evangéliques, Op. 2 Jean Langlais (1907-1991) Concerto Grosso in G Minor, Arcangelo Corelli "La Nativité" Op. 6, No. 8 (1653 - 1713)

from Le Tombeau de Duruflé "Hodie Christus natus est" "Puer natus est nobis" "Adeste fideles"

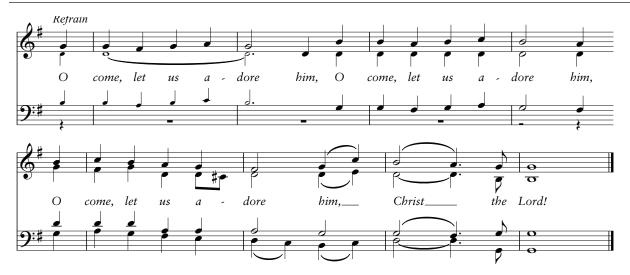
David Briggs (b. 1962)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

All stand, as able, and join in singing.



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THE ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

GLORIA

Sung by the Choir.

Missa Brevis in C Major (Coronation Mass), K. 317

LORIA in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter

magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop prays the collect, and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.

The People remain standing and are seated with the bishop.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

(9:2-7)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9

Sung by the Choir.

Cantate Domino

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Chant: David Hurd (b. 1950):



Words: Nahum Tate (1625–1715)

Music: Winchester Old, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

(2:1-14)

Assisting Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The Assisting Priest reads the gospel, followed by the words:

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche XVI Bishop of New York

THE NICENE CREED

Said by All, standing as able.

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.

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

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE GREETING



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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jauchzet, Frohlocket from Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248

AUCHZET, frohlocket, auf, preiset die Tage, Rühmet, was heute der Höchste getan! Lasset das Zagen, verbannet die Klage, Stimmet voll Jauchzen und Fröhlichkeit an Dienet dem Höchsten mit herrlichen Chören, Laßt uns den Namen des Herrschers verehren!

Rejoice, be glad, rise up and praise these days, proclaim what the Most High has done today! Leave your despair, banish all sadness, resound, full of delight and happiness! Serve the Most High in glorious choruses, let us honor the name of the Lord!

attrib. Christian Friedrich Henrici (1700-1764)



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.
 Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015). Verse 3 descant: David Willcocks.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

| The Lord be with you. |
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| And also with you. |
| Lift up your hearts. |
| We lift them to the Lord. |
| Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| It is right to give God thanks and praise. |
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The Bishop prays in the name of the assembly. In the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, these acclamations are sung.



Music: Huw Williams (b. 1971)



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Bishop 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. The Bishop 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. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

| AGNUS DEI | Sung by the Choir. | |
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| Coronation Mass | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | |
| GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata m miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata m | undi, | Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. |
| Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata m miserere nobis. | undı, | Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. |
| Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, | | Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, |
| dona nobis pacem. | | grant us peace. |

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Cantique de Noël

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Halley Gilbert, soprano

INUIT, Chrétiens, c'est l'heure solennelle, Où l'Homme–Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous Pour effacer la tache originale Et de Son Père arrêter le courroux. Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance À cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur. Peuple, à genoux! Attends ta délivrance! Noël! Noël! Voici le Rédempteur! Noël! Noël! Oh nuit, oh nuit divine!

De notre foi que la lumière ardente Nous guide tous au berceau de l'Enfant, Comme autrefois une étoile brillante Y conduisit les trois chefs d'Orient. Le Roi des rois naît dans une humble crèche: Puissants du jour, fiers de votre grandeur, À votre orgueil, c'est de lá qu'un Dieu prêche. Courbez vos fronts devant le Rédempteur! Noël! Noël! Oh nuit, oh nuit divine!

Le Rédempteur a brisé toute entrave: La Terre est libre et le Ciel est ouvert! Il voit un frère où n'était qu'un esclave, L'amour unit ceux qu'enchaînait le fer. Qui Lui dira notre reconnaissance? C'est pour nous tous qu'il naît, qu'il souffre et meurt. Peuple, debout! Chante ta délivrance! Noël! Noël! Chantons le Rédempteur! Noël! Noël! Oh nuit, oh nuit divine! Midnight! Christians, this is the solemn hour When God-as-Man came down to us To wipe away the stain of original sin And bring redemption from His Father. The whole world quivers in hope On this night which gives it a Savior. People, fall on your knees! Behold your salvation! Noël! Noël! Behold the Redeemer! Noël! Noël! O night, O night divine!

May the burning light of our faith Guide us all to the Infant's crib, As of old a shining star Guided the Three Kings there from the East. The King of Kings is born in a lowly manger: You mighty ones of today, proud of your own power, It is to your arrogance that God preaches. Bow your heads before the Redeemer! Noël! Noël! O night, O night divine!

The Redeemer has broken every fetter: The earth is free and heaven is opened! He sees a brother where there had been only a slave; Love binds together those which iron had chained. Who will tell him our gratitude? It is for us all that he was born, that he suffers and dies. People, stand up! Sing out your salvation! Noël! Noël! Sing of the Redeemer! Noël! Noël! O night, O night divine!

Placide Cappeau (1808-1877)

All stand, as able.

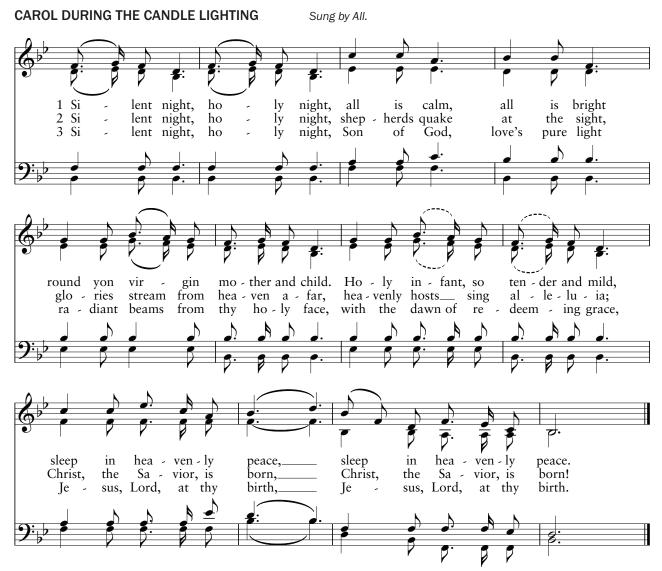
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

All say together.

TERNAL 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.

During the introduction of the hymn, light is passed through the congregation.



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)

THE BLESSING

The Bishop pronounces a blessing, and the People respond

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Winter Song ("Quelle est cette odeur agréable") Traditional French Carol, arr. Paul Winter & Paul Halley

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Alto

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