



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy, *Celebrant*

XI Dean, Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

Bishop Étienne Emmanuel Vetö, I.C.N., *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Divinum Mysterium* T. Frederick H. Candlyn
(1892-1964)

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
from Six Carol Settings

OPENING HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bi - ding, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,

ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with you is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Refrain

come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

WELCOME

The presider welcomes the People, orients them to the service, and calls them to prayer.

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us: you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Music: William Mathias (1934–1992)

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

(61:10–62:3)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13–21

Sung by the Choir.

Laudate Dominum

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion;
 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
 he has blessed your children within you.
 He has established peace on your borders;
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
 He sends out his command to the earth,
 and his word runs very swiftly.
 He gives snow like wool;
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;
 who can stand against his cold?
 He sends forth his word and melts them;
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
 He declares his word to Jacob,
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
 He has not done so to any other nation;
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

Francis Jackson (1917–2022)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of our race;
 powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be;



of the things that are, that have been,
 and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
 hon - or, glo - ry and do - min - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ev - ery voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348–410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt.
 Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JOHN*(1:1-18)**Preacher* The ✝ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ*The Preacher reads the gospel, followed by the words:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**THE SERMON**

Bishop Étienne Emmanuel Vetö, I.C.N

*Auxiliary Bishop of Reims, France, Roman Catholic Church**A time of silence is observed after the sermon, then the Celebrant leads the assembly in the Creed, standing as able.***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.

*A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.***THE PEACE***Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sung by the Choir.**Verbum caro factum est*

Hans Leo Hassler (1562-1612)

VERBUM caro factum est,
et habitavit in nobis,
et vidimus gloriam ejus,
gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre,
plenum gratiæ et veritatis.

*And the Word became flesh
and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

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: *All:*



might, 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.



We cel - e-brate his death and res - sur - rec - tion, as



we a - wait the day of his com - ing.



Ris-en Lord, be known to us in the break-ing of the Bread.



A - men.

Music: Daniel Ficarra (b. 1996)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

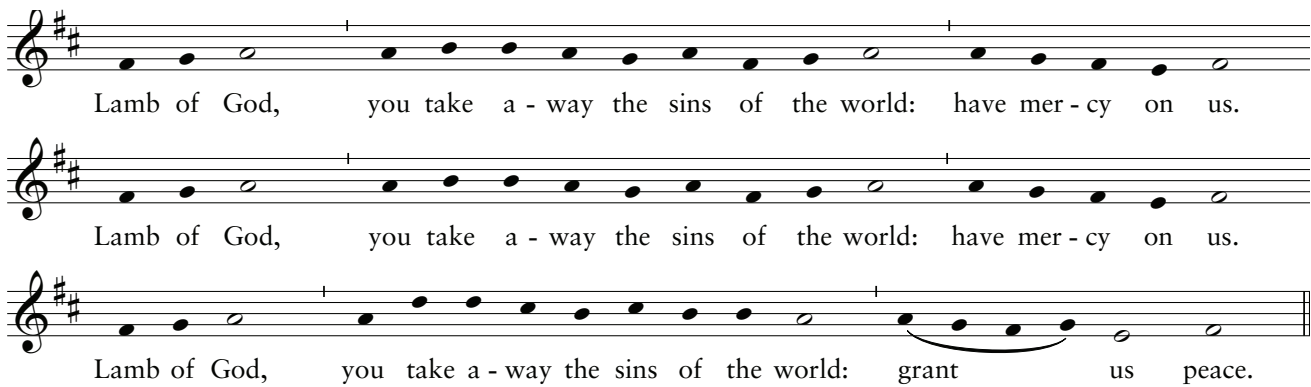
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Go tell it on the mountain

Spiritual

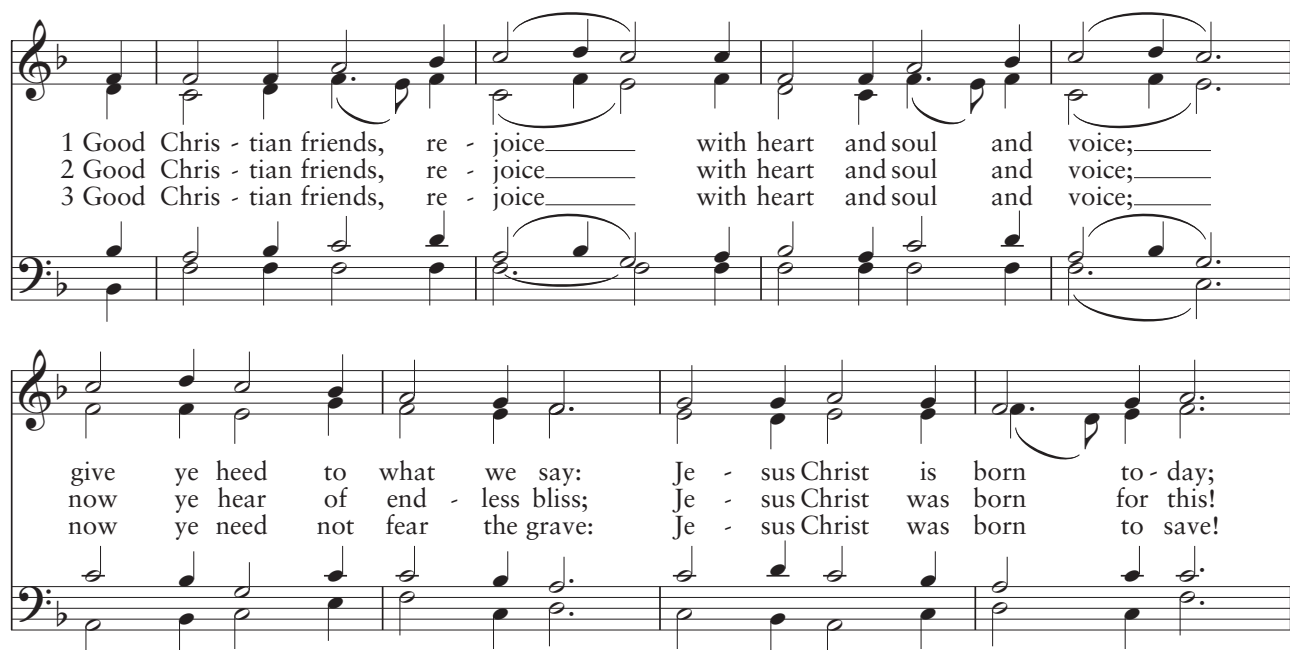
Please join the Choir in singing the refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;

now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!

now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

ETERNAL 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

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2023

No evensong will take place today.

7 PM

New Year's Eve Concert for Peace.

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