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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

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VOLUNTARIES

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729 Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

Noël Etranger Louis-Claude Daquin

(1694-1772)

Noël Ancien Henri Doyne

(1902-1988)

Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Alan Gray

(1855-1935)

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The people stand at the Procession

CAROL Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing, *Refrain*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

SONG OF PRAISE Gloria

Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL Hark! The herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. †††
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough *A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.*

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.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

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, FORM IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world. We pray For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and John, the Bishop of Tennessee, and for all the clergy and people. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land; and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Susan, Patti, John, Bill, David, Lisa, Rosemary, Olivia, Holli, Gail, John David, Stacey, Benetta, Caitlin, John, Erin, Walker, Lacey, Tony, Katie, Fr. Jacoba, Alex, Tom, Margo, S R, Janet, Betty, Bob, French, Sarah, Everett, Shirley, Art, Roman, Ashby, Ash, Lucky, and Joyce. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, † especially _____, ††† and that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

On the recommendation of the Grants Committee, the Vestry and Dean have designated The Nashville Food Project recipient of Christ Church Cathedral's 2022 Christmas offering. Your gift will help TNFP bring people together to grow, cook and share nourishing food. This work connects people to healthy food and to each other through urban garden projects, made-from-scratch meals cooked in TNFP kitchens and food shared with their local poverty-disrupting partners.



Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to leave your tithe and offering. You may also leave your tithe and offering in the alms basins as they are passed.

CAROL Regent Square

Angels from the realms of glory Sung by all

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar: seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also 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.

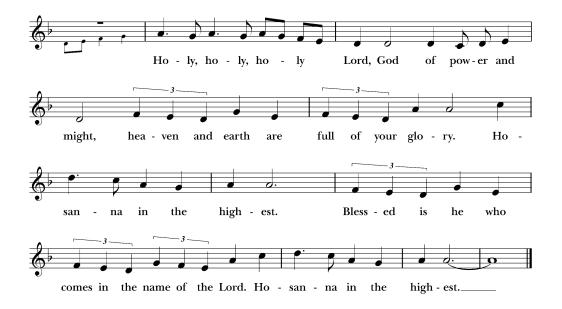
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Robert Powell



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." †

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." †

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, *Celebrant and People*

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. † Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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

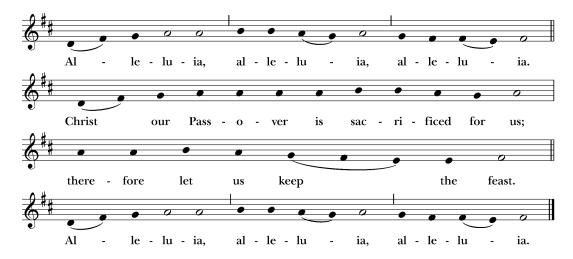
People and Celebrant

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ Our Passover David Hurd



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. † Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is distributed in one kind from two stations inside the communion rail; and as made with low gluten bread in the Chapel. Please follow the directions of the ushers. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament during this time of distribution.

Please join us in singing the Carol during Communion.

CAROL Cradle Song

Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

CAROL Winchester Old

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign: "The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

CAROL Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

CAROL Antioch

Joy to the world

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Louis-Claude Daquin

Noël X sur les Grand Jeu et Duo

(1694-1772)

Gifts for Christmas music have been given to the glory of God and

in loving memory of Maggie Smith, by The Meyers

in memory of Erwin Hargrove, by Fletch and Bill Coke

in memory of Ann Harwell Wells, by Fletch and Bill Coke

in thanksgiving and love for her children, Charles, Gabrielle, and Nicoya; grandchildren, Chioh and Rena, her friend Bo; grand pups Jupiter, Venus, and Mars, by Anzora Lee-Starks

in loving memory of Tom DePauw, by Carol King and Carrie DePauw

in loving memory of Jim Lowe, by Leah Lowe

in loving memory of the Reverend Dolores Nicholson, by Jere Lane

in loving memory of Carrie Teaford, by Jeremy and Bruce Teaford

in thanksgiving for the Christ Church Cathedral Young Adults Ministry, by David Anderson

in loving memory of Karin A. Burgess, by Wyeth and Ed Burgess

in honor and thanksgiving for the Cathedral Clergy, Staff, and Vestry, whose dedication and ministry to this flock are a blessing, and it has been a great joy serving with them, by Tyler Yarbro and Karmine Quiggle

in thanksgiving for their family and friends, their church and and its many ministries, by Ruth and Randy Rock

in thanksgiving for Eric Spivey, by Wendy Moore

in thanksgiving for Canon Dr. Michael Velting, Dr. Malcolm Matthews, and the Cathedral Choirs, by Cliff and Janet Brown

in thanksgiving for Sarah, Trey, Virginia, and E.B. Tally and Rachael, Richard, Jack, and Josephine Lodge, by Gina and Dick Lodge

in loving memory of Julie Gavin and John B. Waterman, by the Jeffrey Buntin family

in loving memory of her mother, Pegine Hill, and grandparents, Virginia and Lowell Hill, by Tameron Hedge

in thanksgiving for the talents of Dr. Michael Velting and Dr. Malcolm Matthews and the joy and solace of their music ministry, by Fred LaBour

in thanksgiving for Michael Velting, Malcolm Matthews, and the incredible Cathedral Choir, by Art and Sandra Hooper

by Marie Dohrmann

in loving memory of Nancy Patton, by Ann Patton

in loving memory of John Meecem, by Beverly Meece

The Christmas flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and

in loving memory of the Reverend and Mrs. John T. Younger and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, by Jessica and John Younger

in thanksgiving for family, by Desaree Welch

in loving memory of her mother, Marian Bosley Lee Moore; her father, David W. Lee, Jr.; her stepfather Willie Moore; her nephew, James Quinton Turner, her niece Kadijah Amiryah Shabazz, her brother Daniel W. Lee. and her friend Bobby Spears-Jones, by Anzora Lee-Starks

in thanksgiving for their children David, Bailey, and Matthew, by Dave and Erin Beller

in loving memory of his parents, Jessie Bradshaw Lane and Herman King Lane, and his brother, Ernie Conrad Lane, by Jere Lane

in thanksgiving for the Cathedral clergy and staff, by Jill Meese

in loving memory of Maggie Cox, by Jill Meese

in thanksgiving for Jack and Kate's grandparents, Ron and Sandra Chance and Paul and Joetta Yarbro, by Tyler and Jeff Yarbro

in loving memory of the Sandy Hook School children and educators who were murdered 10 years ago this month, by Linda McFadyen-Ketchum

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in loving memory of Joan Spray Ford, by the Ball Family

in loving memory of Roberta LaBour, by Fred LaBour

in loving memory of John Meecem, by Beverly Meece

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PREACHER

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The Reverend Richard K. Wineland, Coordinator and Pastor for Breaking Bread @6

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