

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 25, 2024
10:00 a.m.

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

VOLUNTARIES

Joseph est bien marié

Pierre Dandrieu
(1664-1733)

The Holy Boy

John Ireland
(1879-1962)

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The people stand at the Procession

CAROL

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

PSALM 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 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.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

Hark! The herald angels sing

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!

THE GOSPEL LESSON – John 1:1-14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. †††

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – The Reverend Madeleine Rebouché

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
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 the Church of England; Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and John, the Bishop of Tennessee; the Cathedral clergy, and people.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, and especially for all congregational partnerships, for St. Luc (Luke), Thomassique, for St. Anselm's, Nashville, and for Gordon Memorial United Methodist, Nashville.
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 Billy, John, Tom, Jose, Jim, Phyllis, Barbara, Susan, Russell, Doris, Roy, Ginny, Meghan, Bill, John David, Glynn, Michael, Melanie, Sandy, Liam, Brandy, Jan, Stacey, Abigail, Harriet & David, Mimi, Nancy, Marlin, Roger, Elaine, Jerry, Cindy, and Lennon.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially _____, 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

With the recommendation of the Grants Committee, the Vestry has designated Habitat for Humanity as the recipient of Christ Church Cathedral's 2024 Christmas Offering. For the first time in five years, the Cathedral is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity home build, scheduled for May 3-4 2025. The build is part of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville's revitalization effort in north Nashville.



*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.*

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 (*Eucharistic Prayer B, p. 367*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

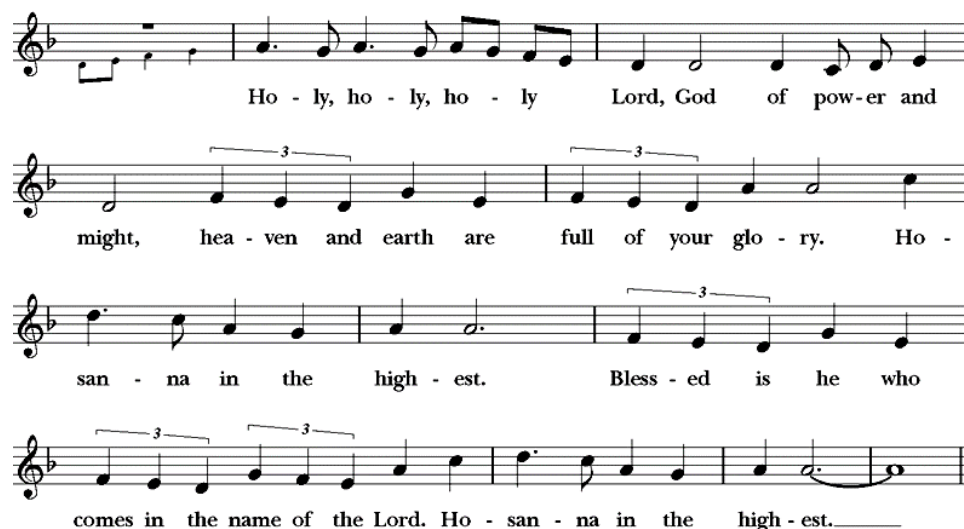
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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:



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 S 154

David Hurd

New Plainsong

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive Communion. If you wish to receive the Sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand.

The Blessed Sacrament made with low-gluten will be distributed at the Chancel rail, let us know that you need the low-gluten wafer when we come to you. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament during this time of distribution return it to your hand. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament during this time of distribution.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join in singing the Carol at the Communion.

CAROL

Cradle Song

Away in the 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.

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.**

THE 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.

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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

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

Improvisation on *Joy to the world!*

Matthew Phelps

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

in thanksgiving for their granddaughters, Clara Jane, Nora Eloise, and Michaela Mae, by Jeff and Virginia Bailey

in loving memory of Billy's parents, Percy and Mattie Rachel Ballard, by Billy and Rose Ballard

in loving memory of her mother, Patti West, and father Tom West, by Campbell West

in thanksgiving for the marriage of Jacob Schafer and Jeong-Eun Lee on December 30th,
by Melissa Rose and Daniel Schafer

in loving memory of the children and educators who died in the Sandy Hook School shooting 12 years ago,
by Linda McFadyen-Ketchum

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

in loving memory of Shirley Marie Watts, by Joe Giles

in loving memory of Nicholas Fleming Concepcion, by Janetta Fleming

in loving memory of her parents, Mary Margaret and Jack Farringer, by Jill Meese

in honor of Sara, Imogene, Harold, Maureen, and Robert, by Melanie Lutenbacher and George Foster

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

in thanksgiving for Dr. Michael Velting and Dr. Peter Roghan and their work with the Cathedral choirs,
by James and Frankie Danly

in thanksgiving for Canon Dr. Michael Velting, Dr. Peter Rogahn, and the Cathedral choirs,
by Cliff and Janet Brown

in thanksgiving for Marie, Belle, and Ann Warner Yeagle, and Elizabeth Ann Stringer and Sam Smith,
by Bella and Pete Stringer

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

in loving memory of her husband David Andrew Grimes, by Betty M. Grimes

in honor of J. B. Waterman by Willse and Buntin families

in thanksgiving and with deep gratitude and joy for their parents and grandparents, Hal (Pops) and Dona (DeDe)
Johnson, by Chowning and Kevin Hawkins along with Madelyn and Reese Aguilera

in loving memory of William G. Coke, Jr., by his family

by Ruth and Randy Rock

by John H. Thurman

A tender shoot, by Kerensa Briggs, is a gift to the Cathedral Music Library, given to the glory of God and in celebration of Mary Ellen Merki, by Amanda, Mike, Ellis and Ryman Molinar.

Love came down at Christmas, by Jessica French, is a gift to the Cathedral Music Library, given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Geoffrey Fleming, by his loving family.

Before the paling of the stars, by Cecilia McDowall, is a gift to the Cathedral Music Library, given to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph E. Ward, father of Chris, father-in-law of Mary, and Papa of Charlie, Maggie, Bridget and Sarah Ward.

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

in loving memory of Una McArthur and Joseph Capizzi, by Andrea Capizzi

in loving memory of Rose's parents, William and Luella Carter, by Billy and Rose Ballard

in thanksgiving for Hal Johnson's service as Senior Warden, by a friend

in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Gretz Austin, and in thanksgiving for Amy and Craig Petersen,
by Jennifer A. Austin

in loving memory of their son, Brady, and in honor of their daughter Ellison and their sons Henry and Brody,
by Molly and David Williams

in thanksgiving for Becky, Beverly, Chris, Tobi, and Karmine, who teach and inspire her, by Rachel Barden

in thanksgiving and with deep gratitude and joy for their parents and grandparents, Hal (Pops) and Dona (DeDe)
Johnson, by Chowning and Kevin Hawkins along with Madelyn and Reese Aguilera

in thanksgiving and gratitude for their family and for Melanie Leader, by Monica and Thor Urness

in thanksgiving for her husband, Mike Williams, and her granddaughter, Laurel Elizabeth, by Cheryl B. Williams

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 his wife, her mother, and their grandmother, Jessica M. Younger, by John R. Younger,
Mary Clare and Chris Champion, and Leland and John Champion.

in loving memory of Bill Coke, by Jill Meese

in loving memory of Timothy R. Brown, by Jennifer Brown

in loving memory of his mother, Mary Webber, by Patterson and Kara Webber

in thanksgiving for the Sussman Family, by Carmeline Dickhaus

in loving memory of Nancy and John Katz, Barbara and Bill Stringer, and Jeremy Yeagle,
by Bella and Pete Stringer

in loving memory of her mother, Marian Bosley Lee Moore; her father, David W. Lee, Jr.; her stepfather Willie Moore;
her nephew, Quinton, her niece Kadajah, her brother Daniel, and her grand pup Mars, by Anzora Lee-Starks

in loving memory of Pop Pop Buntin, by the Buntin and Willse families

in loving memory of Lyonel Gilmer and in celebration of his abounding love by his wife, Jo, sons Benjamin, Nate,
Barrett, and Drew and their precious families

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