

Christ Church Cathedral



The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Eve

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12:15 p.m.

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A Center for the Community of the Cross of Nails.

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE**

HOLY EUCHARIST

12:15 p.m.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Whence is that goodly fragrance?*

Harrison Oxley
(b. 1933)

A Christmas Canon on *Forest Green*

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

RITE II

The people stand at the procession

CAROL

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fidelis

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.*

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of God the Father;

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

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

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

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

Officiant 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, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

CAROL

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

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

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.

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 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.

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 people with his truth.

EPISTLE – 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.

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!

GOSPEL – Luke 2:1-20

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.

SERMON – The Reverend Joshua M. Caler

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 PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *(Please be seated)*

The Dean and Vestry have designated the Christmas Eve offering to the benefit of Reconciliation, Inc. Reconciliation supports families of individuals who are incarcerated in local jails and prisons by providing free lodging to family members who have traveled to Nashville to visit their loved ones. Please give generously.

CAROL

Angels from the realms of glory

Regent Square

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:

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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP, p. 372)*

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; John, the Bishop of Tennessee, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad, especially those on active duty from this community; and those who are suffering because of war.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember _____.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*BCP, p. 364*) (*said by all*)

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

A period of silence is kept.

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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
 Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive Communion.
 Those who wish to receive the Laying on of Hands and Anointing
 may proceed to the chapel after receiving Communion.*

Carols at the Communion are sung by all.

CAROL

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

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

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Winchester Old

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

Silent Night, holy night

Stille Nacht

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

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

Joy to the world!

Antioch

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

Officiant
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Postlude on *Adeste Fideles*

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

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

in celebration of the life of her goddaughters, Eden Grace Malloy and Lillian Foster Cannon,
by Tameron Hedge

in loving memory of their great grandmother, Anne Lowe, by Sarah, Owen, and Powell Lowe

in celebration of the joyful, creative and loving spirits of their children, Powell, Owen, and Sarah Lowe,
by Wendall and J. P. Lowe

in loving memory of Betty Dews Love, by Joe Giles

in honor of Michael Velting and Jon Johnson, in appreciation for fine music,
by Fletch and Bill Coke

in loving memory of Hal Durham, by Frances Durham and Laura Duncan

in honor of Owen Bennett, Lexi, Charlie, and Noah Deal, by their great-uncle, Jere Lane

in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen

in memory of John N. Lukens, Jr., by Cauley Lukens, Rachel, Gentry, and Luke Barden, and
by Rebecca and Jeff Newman

in memory of their fathers, Woodrow Harvil Hooper, and William John Smith,
by Art and Sandra Hooper

in memory of her mother, Kit Benson, by Martha Ivester

in memory of H. Lynn Swindle, by Carl Wall

with gratitude for their children and grandchildren: Lee Ann, Scott, Miranda and Colin Merrick; Amy, Jim, John
and Grace Leonard by Ann and Gerry Calhoun

in thanksgiving for Peter and Lois Fyfe, by Georgianna Russell

in thanksgiving for her family and friends, by Mary Arline Evans

in loving memory of Marlin Harris Jones and Dr. James M. Phythyon,
by Marlin and William Sanders

in loving memory of Ila and John Mellow and Garnet Mellow, by John and Shirley Lachs

in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Alex, Andy and Grace Emily Hudson, by Mike and Susan Hudson



Flowers for the chancel at Christmas have been given to the glory of God and

in honor of their children Mark, Beth, Andrew and Denise, by George and Mavis Allen

in memory of William W. Force, by Richard Force

in memory of Henry Hopton, by Amy Cudabac-Richardson

in celebration of the marriage of their son William Gray Noe to Margaret McNeel Nobel on October 29, 2011,
by Sharon and Bill Noe

in thanksgiving for the blessing of their children, William and Meg Noble and Harrison and Anita Noe,
by Sharon and Bill Noe

in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Christ Church Cathedral Flower Guild, by Sharon and Bill Noe

in memory of John Harold Hinman Jr., by Ken, Anna and Kenneth Hinman

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

in thanksgiving for Jack and his grandparents, Sandra and Ron Chane and Joetta and Paul Yarbro,
by Tyler and Jeff Yarbro

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

in honor of Wendall Lowe, the best Mom ever! by Sarah, Owen and Powell Lowe

in memory of the Reverend Eric Sutcliffe Greenwood, 22nd rector of Christ Church,
by Elaine and Robert Smith

in thanksgiving for the service to Christ Church Cathedral of Anne Bradley and Beverly and Sandy Sanders,
by Becky and Bill Rochford

in thanksgiving for many blessings and for the ministry of Canon Gene B. Manning,
by Wyeth and Ed Burgess and family

in honor of Jill Farringer Meese, by Pamela Price

in memory of J. William Stewart and S.M. Coleman, by Phillip Stewart and Sam Coleman

in loving memory of Frances N. Thomson, Mary, Steve and Ruth Schillig, and Neal O'Brien Jones,
by Marlin and William Sanders

in loving memory of their parents, Albert and Ruth Nagel Hance and the Rt. Reverend C. Brinkley Morton and Virginia
Roseborough Morton, and in thanksgiving for their children, Chad and Elizabeth Hance Miller and Santi and Anna Hance
Tefel, by Bill and Mary Hance

in memory of Larry R. Burchett, by his family

in memory of Emily Vandergriff, by Mike and Susan Hudson

in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Robb, by Mary-Grace Harvey and Charles Robb

in memory of Tips Brice, Sam Allison and Don Wayne Vantrease, by Ginna Foster Cannon

in memory of Reverend and Mrs. A. W. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, and Mrs. W. J. Chearis, and in grateful
thanksgiving for the life of Christopher Thomas Spears, by Sam W. Holden II

in memory of Henry Elliott Colton, Jr. by Marie W. Colton

in memory of John O. Jackson, David A. Lowe, and John W. Poindexter, by Roger Moore

in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren, by Katie and Tom Steele

CELEBRANT

The Reverend Gene B. Manning, *Sub Dean*

PREACHER AND DEACON

The Reverend Joshua M. Caler, *Curate*

MUSICIAN

Jon Johnson, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

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