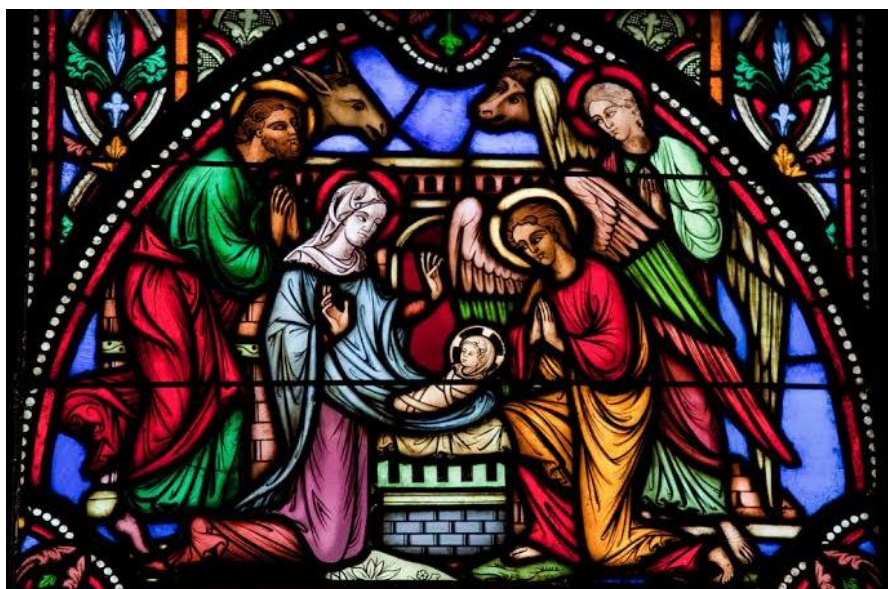


# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2013

10:00 a.m.

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:  
CHRISTMAS DAY

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *From heaven above to earth I come*

**HOLY EUCHARIST 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.*

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

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 (*BCP, p. 355*)

COLLECT FOR PURITY

SONG OF PRAISE

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.*

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

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 READING – 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.

PSALM 98

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

## THE NEW TESTAMENT READING – 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.

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!*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON – John 1:1-14

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.

SERMON – The Reverend Canon Gene B. Manning

*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 III (*BCP*, p. 387)

*Please add your own petitions, aloud or silently.*

## THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

#### 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:

### THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367*)

Sanctus S 129

The Lord's Prayer (*BCP, p. 364*)

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover S 154

*New Plainsong*

*All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Altar.  
Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive Communion.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*The Carol at the Communion is 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.

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 365*)

BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Joy to the World*



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

in thanksgiving for their daughters, Campbell and Deb, and their grandchildren, Madi and Paige, by Tom and Patti West

in memory of Kit Bensen, by her grandchildren, Lloyd, Audrey, and Opal

in memory of H. Lynn Swindle, by Carl Wall

in loving memory of John B. Waterman, whose love of music still resonates, by Varina and Jeffrey Buntin

in celebration of the ministry of Dolores Nicholson, by Fletch and Bill Coke

in honor of Mary Lee Perkins, with gratitude for her ministries to the Nashville community, by Sally Gentry and Jack Hill

in memory of Nicholas Fleming Concepcion, son of Janetta Fleming, and in thanksgiving for the music at Christ Church Cathedral, by John and Beverly Meece

in loving memory of Gerald Edward Lavey, by John, Hannah, Frances, and Mary Sparks Lavey

in honor of Michael Velting, Jon Johnson, and the Cathedral Choir, in appreciation for their gifts, by Nancy Patton

in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen

in thanksgiving for their friend, Jo Helen Railsback, by Paul Cotton and Dan Smith

in thanksgiving for their family, especially their children, Daniel, Joseph, and Mimi, and those for whom they are named, by Randy and Ruth Rock

in memory of Neal O'Brien Jones, Marlin Harris Jones, and James Martin Phythyon, by Marlin and William Sanders



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

in memory of Robert Crittenden, by Art and Sandra Hooper

in memory of their daughter, Emily Vandergriff, and in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Alex, Andy, and Grace Emily Hudson, by Susan and Mike Hudson

in honor of Lois and Peter Fyfe on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by Betty and Andy Grimes

in loving memory of their parents, Magda and Julius Lachs and Ida and John Mellow, by John and Shirley Lachs



**The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and**

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

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

in memory of our beloved grandmother, Janet Smith, by Nathaniel Hansen, Ashley Culver, Jennifer Staab, and Emily McMakin

in memory of Nancy and John Katz, and Barbara and Bill Stringer, by the Stringer, Yeagle and House families

in memory of his mother, Eleanor Folk McNeilly, born December 25, 1903, by Robert E. McNeilly, Jr.

in memory of Herbert L. McCutchen and Ella Katherine McCutchen, by Janet McCutchen

in honor of friends, colleagues, and co-workers, by Laurence Lancaster

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

with love and thanksgiving for Campbell Buntin Willse, by Varina and Jeffrey Buntin

in loving memory of Ed Womack, by Tish Womack

in memory of Geneva and Byrl Roberts, and in thanksgiving for the Christ Church family, by John and Beverly Meece

in memory of Ophelia and Walter Stokes and Lewis Pride, by a friend

in honor of Jack Yarbro's grandparents, Joetta and Paul Yarbro and Sandra and Ron Chance, by Tyler and Jeff Yarbro

in memory of Eunice Jones, and in thanksgiving for my husband, Randall, and daughter, Mya, by Emily Jones

in memory of her parents, Stancel and Edwina Griffis, by Judith Maxfield

in thanksgiving for our family, especially our children, Daniel, Joseph and Mimi, and those for whom they are named, by Ruth and Randy Rock

in thanksgiving for our grandparents who enrich our lives: Mary and Joel Kane, Leah and Sam Culotta, and Catherine and John Wright, with love by Judy and Kelly Wright, Jesse, Meera, Tyler and Andrew

in memory of Horatio and Willie D. Buntin, by Mary N. Wade

in memory of Ann and Henry Hopton, by Amy and Cory Richardson

in memory of Ann and Henry Hopton, by Shirley and George Cudabac

in memory of Larry R. Burchett, by Sarah Burchett

in memory of Geneva and Byrl Roberts, sister and brother-in-law of John Meece, by Glenda Stephens

in memory of James Fletcher Hughey, by Elaine and Robert Smyth

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

in thanksgiving for our sextons, staff, and clergy, by Tom and Patti West

in memory of Ethel, Seawell, and Susan Brandau, by Seawell and Marcy Brandau

in thanksgiving for her godparents, Gene Manning and Hal Johnson, by Belle, Marie and Jeremy Yeagle

in thanksgiving for her grandparents, Bella and Pete Stringer, Nancy Yeagle and Charlie Yeagle, by Belle, Marie and Jeremy Yeagle

in loving memory of Francis A. Watson and Neill M. Watson, by Gloria and David Graves

in memory of their daughter, Emily Vandergriff, and in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Alex, Andy, and Grace Emily Hudson, by Susan and Mike Hudson

in memory of Frances Thomson and Mary, Steve and Ruthie Schillig, by Marlin and William Sanders

in thanksgiving for the faithful and talented members of the Cathedral Flower Guild, by Paul Cotton and Dan Smith

in grateful thanksgiving for her mother Gloria Graves and in loving memory of his mother Susanne Robinson, by Allison and Wilson Robinson

in honor of Sandy and Beverly Sanders' dedication and service to Christ Church Cathedral, by Becky and Bill Rochford





CELEBRANT AND PREACHER  
The Reverend Canon Gene B. Manning, *Sub-Dean*

DEACON  
The Reverend Dolores Nicholson, *Deacon*

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