

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE

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# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE

## VOLUNTARY

Of the Father's love begotten

David Blackwell  
(b. 1962)

*Resonet in Laudibus*

Anon., Germany,  
early 17<sup>th</sup> c.

Away in a manger

Malcolm Archer  
(b. 1952)

*In dulci jubilo*, BuxWV 197

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

## 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;

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.

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.*

## 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.

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.

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 – Luke 2:1-14

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!”

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  
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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*The Dean and Vestry, on the recommendation of the Commission for Outreach, have designated St. Luke's Community House as the recipient of the Christmas offering. This beloved organization, well known to most Cathedral parishioners, has been ministering to children, seniors, immigrants, and other residents of West Nashville for more than 100 years. 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

*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:



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 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 Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ Our Passover

David Hurd

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.

*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

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

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Noël X - *Grand Jeu et duo*

Louis-Claude Daquin  
(1694-1772)



SERMON NOTES:

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

in loving memory of her husband, Larry Burchett, by Sarah Burchett

in memory of her son, John Stritch Watkins, by Louise Watkins

for Jean, by Don Rogers

in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen

in memory of Howard Lynn Swindle, by Carl Wall

in memory of Dr. Douglas MacArthur Russell, by his brother, Gene Russell

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

in appreciation for the outreach ministry of the Cathedral, by Fletch and Bill Coke

in memory of Robert Crittenden, by Carol, Catherine, and Beth Crittenden

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

in thanksgiving for their family, Frank, Lily, Jay, Alice, George, Owen, and Marshall, by Fred and Roberta LaBour

in loving memory of John B. Waterman, and in celebration of the birth of Rivers Waterman, by Varina and Jeffrey Buntin

in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Sanders, in recognition of their thoughtfulness and generosity supporting youth music programs, by the J.P. Lowe family

In honor of Becky Rochford and in appreciation of her loving dedication to Christian youth ministry and education at Christ Church Cathedral, by the J.P. Lowe family

by Thomas and Tara Steffen

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

in loving memory of Thomas Daugherty Rayson, by Laura Lee, Bruce, Hannah, and Rob Dobie

in memory of Mary Ann Long, by Tom, Patti, and Campbell West

in memory of their parents, Bill and Willie Smith and Woodrow Harvil Hooper, by Art and Sandra Hooper

in loving memory of Frances Helton Patton and Nella Wood Helton, and in honor of Ann Patton, by Nancy Patton

in memory of George Murphy, by John and Kayla Hill, and Jack Hill and Sally Gentry

in memory of Ellen Kemp and in honor of George Kemp, by John and Beverly Meece

in honor of Miranda and Tim Buell, from Ann J. Cook Calhoun

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

in loving memory of Cathy and Darrell Hirt, and with gratitude for our many years of friendship, by Dianne Green

in honor of Betty and Andy Grimes, from Tom, Anna, Mary Frances, Joe and Ted Noser

in thanksgiving for Dr. Michael Velting, Michael Gebhart, and the Cathedral Choristers, by Matt and Christina Isbell

in memory of his uncle, Harold Taffee Boswell, by Hal Johnson

with gratitude for many blessings, especially the Christ Church Cathedral community: clergy, musicians, staff, and friends, by Wyeth and Ed Burgess.



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

in honor of the current Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Formation Class: Luke Benfield, Sarah Rochford Benfield, Meredith Flynn, Julie Fritz, Adam Hutson, Adria Lambert, Mary McCarthy, Emily Hansen McMakin, Heather Morris, Meg Nichols, Caitlin Redd, Mary Ward, and Gina Williams by Rachel Barden, Chris Hansen, Becky Rochford, and Beverly Sanders

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

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

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

in memory of her husband, Earl Watkins, by Louise Watkins

in loving memory of her son, Stephen Burchett, by Sarah Burchett

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

in memory of Ralph Fitzgerald, by Mike and Pat Fitzgerald

in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McNeilly, by Bob McNeilly

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

in loving memory of Elizabeth James who is such a special part of our most cherished family memories, by the Jeffrey Buntins

in honor of Gene Manning, in appreciation for her loving kindness and comforting spirit, by the J.P. Lowe family

in celebration of Sarah, Owen, and Powell Lowe in recognition of the immense joy and love they bring into our family and carry into the world, by Wendall and J.P. Lowe

in thanksgiving for Luke, Rebecca, Jeff, and Caroline, by Rachel and Gentry Barden

in loving memory of Sally Ann Schenker by her children: Julie, Steven, David, Andrew, and Jenny, and their families

in everlasting memory of the Reverend Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Holden, Judge and Mrs. Sam Holden, Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Edmonds III, Colonel and Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Judge and Mrs. John L. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cartwright, Mrs. Martha Ayres Cheairs, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holden IV, and Timothy A. Holden, by Sam W. Holden II

in memory of Hal's twin brother, Reid Boswell Johnson, and in thanksgiving for Hal's mother Joyce, their daughter Chowning and her husband Martin, their son Wells and his wife Emily, and their grandchildren, Madelyn, Griffin, Reese, and Jack, by Dona and Hal Johnson

in honor of John A. Coleman, by Thomas Coleman, Jr. and Eileen Murphy

in honor of Ann and Gerry Calhoun, by their daughters, Lee Ann and Amy

in thanksgiving for the Cathedral clergy and seminarians, by Bob Allen





**CELEBRANT AND PREACHER**

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

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