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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

VOLUNTARIES

Good news from heaven the angels bring

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Noël Languedocien

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

Carillon

Geoffrey Bush
(1920-1988)

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;

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

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. **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.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

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.
 Pleas'd 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

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!”

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

SERMON – The Reverend Lissa Smith
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

Lector Lord in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

On the recommendation of the Grants Committee, the Vestry and Dean have designated the Family Reconciliation Center (FRC) as the recipient of Christ Church Cathedral's 2018 Christmas offering. Your gift will be used to help FRC purchase the Guest House, which they currently lease. The 2018 Cathedral Christmas offering is expected to provide a significant portion of the sum needed for the down payment.

CAROL *Sung by all*

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.

Celebrant

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.

Everyone is welcomed at the Cathedral's altar rail. Please follow the directions of the ushers as you come forward. If you are baptized, come ready to receive communion. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, come nonetheless with those in your pew and place your arms over your chest so indicating a desire for a blessing.

Please join in singing the Carols during Communion.

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

Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella

Traditional French Carol
arr. Keith Chapman
(1945-1989)



SERMON NOTES:

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

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

in honor of Carole Sergent, who always smiles when the organ starts playing, by her daughter Katie and granddaughter Romy

in loving memory of Jane and Guilford Dudley, by Trevania Henderson

by Gail Reeve

in thanksgiving for the Christ Church Cathedral Choristers and the wonderful leadership of Dr. Velting and Mr. O'Berry,
by Thomas, Tara, and Clark Steffen

in thanksgiving for their granddaughters, Eleanor Louise Wilson and Corinne McAuley Wilson, by Art and Martha Stinson

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

in thanksgiving for Dr. Michael Velting, Joseph O'Berry, and the Cathedral Choir, by Nancy Patton

in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen

in loving memory of their grandparents, Cauley and John Lukens, and Benita Beth Barden,
by Rebecca Barden Newman and Luke Barden

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

by Andy and Betty Grimes

in thanksgiving for the beautiful music at Christ Church Cathedral and in honor of their grandchildren, Redding Cate Israel
and William Lyle Israel, by Rebecca and Deaver Collins

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

with gratitude and thanksgiving for their family, by Roy Gottfried and Mary Stevens

in memory of Ruth Starr Strayhorn, by Fletch and Bill Coke

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

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

in thanksgiving for the blessing of our clergy, Timothy Kimbrough, Lissa Smith, Matthew Lewis, Roger Saterstrom,
and for Michael Velting, Joseph O'Berry and the angel voices of the Cathedral Choir, by Tom and Patti West

in thanksgiving for her family, Charles, Nicoya, Chioh, Serena, Gabrielle, Kevin, Kaden, and friend Ron,
by Anzora Lee-Starks

in memory of Larry Burchett, by his wife Sarah and son Michael

in memory of Jim Lowe, by Martha and Leah Lowe

in gratitude for their children and grandchildren, Kristin, Carter, Palmer, and Fite Paine, and Georgia and Thompson Paine,
and in memory of Mary Palmer and Overton Thompson, Jr., by George and Ophelia Paine

with love and thanksgiving for her family, by Dianne Green

in loving memory of Linda Jackson, by her daughter Christina and Matthew, and granddaughters, Anna Claire and
Samantha Jane Isbell

Cradle Song, by Gerald Near is a gift to the Cathedral Music library, given in thanksgiving for their son, Ryman,
by Mike and Amanda Molinar



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

in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, by Anne and Bob Doolittle

in loving memory of her sons, Thad and John, by Louise Watkins

in thanksgiving for their daughters, Rebecca Stinson Wilson and Laura McAuley Stinson, by Art and Martha Stinson

in loving memory of her mother Marian Bosley Lee Moore, her father David W. Lee, Jr., her stepfather Willie Moore, and her nephew James Quinton Turner, by Anzora Lee-Starks

in thanksgiving for the life of Roberta LaBour, by Fred LaBour and family

in honor of their grandchildren, Patrick, Christine, Matthew, Sarah, Augusta, and Heather, by Mrs. George L. Allen

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

in honor of Sarah, Luke, and Ellie Benfield; Anne, Chris, and Maggie Morris, and Bob and Elizabeth Rochford, by Bill and Becky Rochford

in loving memory of Thomas H. Cato, by his children, Hal and Michael, Todd and Susanne, Cathie and Fred, and grandchildren, Hunter, Fletcher, Elgin, Claire, and Henry

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

in loving memory of Stephen Burchett, by his mother Sarah Burchett and brother Michael

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 Patricia T. Meador, by Keith, Katie, Hannah, Catherine, John, and Maddy

in joyful memory of Halle and Shirley Brewer, by the Jeffrey Buntin family

in loving memory of Sam Isbell, Sr., by his son Matthew, Christina, and granddaughters, Anna Claire and Samantha Jane Isbell

in loving memory of her father, Richard Moore Gannaway and cherished friends, Cathy and Darrell Hirt, by Dianne Green



CELEBRANT

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

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The Reverend Lissa Smith, *Associate for Pastoral Care and Cathedral Life*

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Stephen Nelson, *Seminarian*

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