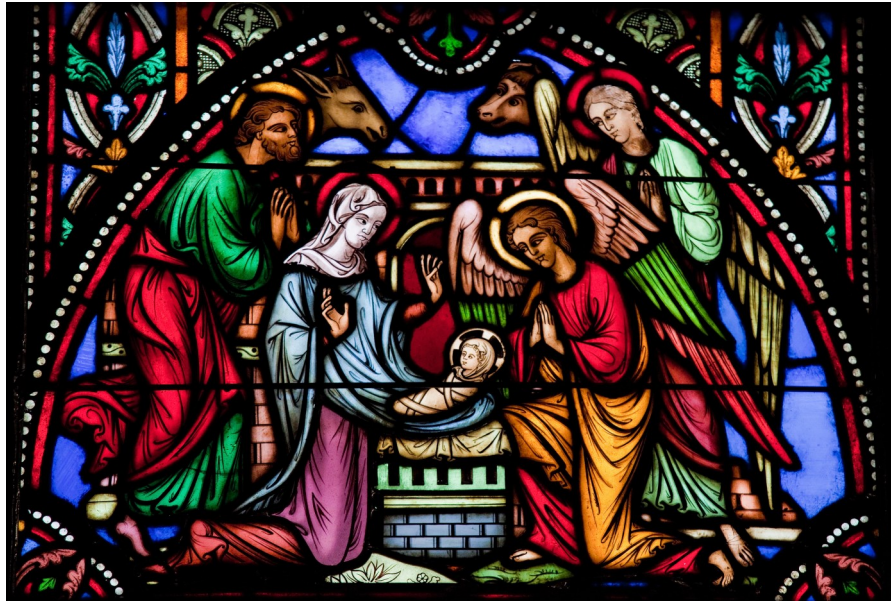


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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

VOLUNTARIES

Noël Suisse
-Grand Jeu
-Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1772)

Interlude on *Coventry Carol*

William Lloyd Webber
(1914-1982)

Prelude on *The Holly and the Ivy*

Herbert Sumson
(1899-1995)

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.

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

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

- 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 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.**

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I (*BCP, p. 383*)
Please add your own petitions, aloud or silently.

Lector Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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 *(BCP, p. 367 B)*

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The hymn at the Communion is sung by all.

Hymn

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

Postlude on *Hark! the herald angels sing*

David Willocks
(1919-2015)



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

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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



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