

CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION

Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist

December 24, 2016

11:00 PM

GATHERING

A warm welcome to all those worshipping at the Cathedral today.

All are invited to take an active part in today's worship taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Please join in the prayers and responses printed in **bold**. Everyone is encouraged to join in the hymns, chants, and the sung parts of the liturgy.

Choral Prelude

A Hodie Processional

Words: Traditional

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Today Christ is Born

The Cherry Tree Carol

Words: Traditional American

Music: William Dicie

Guitar: Bob Wisner-Carlson Flute: Mabel Zelle

As Joseph and Mary were walking one day, "Here are apples and cherries," Oh Mary did say. Then Mary said to Joseph, so meek and so mild, "Joseph gather me some cherries, for I am with child." The Joseph flew in anger, in anger flew he: "Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee!" Then Jesus spoke a few words, a few words spoke he: "Give my mother cherries, bow down, cherry Tree. Bow down cherry tree, low to the ground." Then Mary gathered cherries while Joseph stood 'round. Then Joseph took Mary all on his right knee; "Oh what have I done Lord? Have mercy on me."

I Saw Three Ships

Words: Traditional English Carol

Music: Anna M. De Foe

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day, on Christmas day.

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morn!

And who was in those ships all three but Joseph and his Maid,

And all the bells on earth did ring on Christmas in the morn!

And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas day, on Christmas day.

And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas day in the morn!

Then let us all rejoice a-main on Christmas day, on Christmas day,

Then let us all rejoice a-main on Christmas day in the morn!

I Wonder As I Wander

Words and Tune: Traditional American

Arrangement: John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

Soloists: Autumn Boyle; George Wilkerson

I wonder as I wander out under the sky

How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die

For poor on'ry people like you and like I;

I wonder as I wander out under the sky

When Mary birthed Jesus

'twas in a cow's stall

With wise men and farmers

and shepherds and all

But high from God's heaven,

a star's light did fall

And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing

A star in the sky or a bird on the wing

Or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing

He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King

I wonder as I wander out under the sky

How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die

For poor on'ry people like you and like I;

I wonder as I wander out under the sky

O Magnum Mysterium

Words: Matins Responsory for Christmas Day

Music: Morten Lauridsen

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praeseptio!
Besta Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

*O great mystery and wondrous sacrament
that animals should see the new born Lord
lying in a manger.*

*Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy
to bear our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

The Dream Isaiah Saw

Words: Thomas Troeger (b. 1945)

Music: Glenn Rudolph (b. 1951)

Soloist: Peter Tomaszewski

*Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,
leopards will join with the lambs as they play,
wolves will be pastured
with cows in the glade,
blood will not darken
the earth that God made.*

*Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than
forest and field:*

*God will transfigure the Violence concealed
deep in the heart and in systems of gain,
ripe for the judgement the Lord will ordain.*

*Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.*

*Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
justice purifying law.*

*Nature reordered to match God's intent,
nations obeying the call to repent,
all of creation completely restored,
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.*

Nowell

Music: Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Words and Music: Robert MacGimsey (1898-1979)

Barbara Ruble, Alto; Bob Wisner-Carlson, Guitar

Sweet little Jesus Boy, they made You be born in a manger.

Sweet little Holy child, didn't know who You was.

Didn't know You'd come to save us Lord to take our sins away

Our eyes was blind, we couldn't see, we didn't know who You was.

Long time ago You was born. Born in a manger low, sweet little Jesus Boy

The world treat You mean, Lord. Treat me mean too.

But that's how things is down here: We didn't know who you is.

You done told us how we is a trying, Master, you done showed us how, even when you was dying.

Just seems we can't do right, Look how we treated you.

But please, Sir, forgive us Lord, we didn't know 'twas You

Sweet little Jesus Boy, born long time ago

Sweet little Holy child, and we didn't know who You was

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn 102

Once in royal David's city

Irby

Verse 1 & 2 choir;

Congregation joins on verses 3-6

Acclamation

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. **And we beheld His glory.**
Light and Peace in Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this night, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise, Hymn 96

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

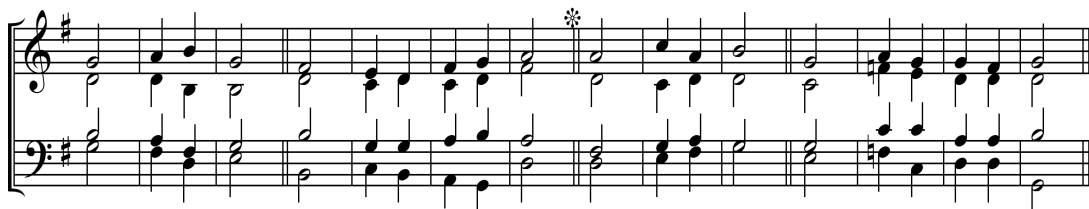
Isaiah 9:2-7

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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

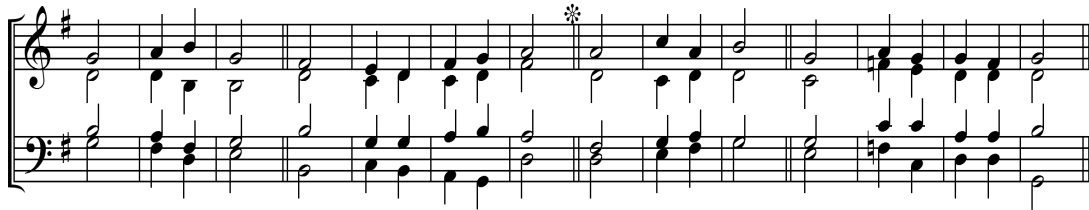
Psalm 96

Crotch



CHOIR:

Sing to the / LORD a / new song; *
sing to the / LORD, all / the whole / earth.
Sing to the LORD and / bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his sal- / vation from / day to / day.



ALL:

**Declare his glory a- / mong the / nations *
and his /wonders a- / mong all / peoples.
For great is the LORD and / greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be / feared than / äll / gods.**

**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."
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 there- / in.**

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the / LORD when he / comes, *
when he / comes to / judge the / earth.
He will judge the / world with / righteousness *
and the / peoples / with his / truth.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

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.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 107

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
Verses 1 & 2*

In dulci jubilo

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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 behold-- 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!"

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

After the reading of the Gospel we will sing verse 3 of the sequence hymn.

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Rob Boulter

Please stand as you are able.

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

Prayer Leader:

Incarnate God, your angel host announces that peace is born among us, embodied in frail flesh. With confidence in the power of that miracle, we bring you our prayers for the church and the world. That the child born to us may awaken us to heal this broken and hurting world, and that the peace proclaimed by the angels in the shepherds field will be realized in every place of war and on every violent street. We invite God's presence saying: **Come now, O God of love.**

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor will bring wholeness and healing to all who are afflicted with illness and disease, and that in this time of gift-giving, our lives may be offerings of hope to those who are grieving, we invite God's presence saying: **Come now, O God of love.**

That as you entered the world in the poverty of the stable, you would instill in us the courage to dismantle the barriers that separate rich from poor, so that we may build together the just world you intended, we invite God's presence saying: **Come now, O God of love.**

The that blessed hope we celebrate this night may be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us, knitting your people into shared life for all eternity, we invite God's presence saying:
Come now, O God of love.

Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us. Fill us with your light, that as we walk in the way of peace, we may join our voices with heaven and earth in singing songs of gladness. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Words of Welcome

TABLE

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's mission to worship God joyfully, care deeply and act boldly as followers of Christ. An offering may also be made online at www.incarnationbmore.org.

Offertory Anthem

What is that Lovely Fragrance

arr. Willan

*What is this lovely fragrance wafting
Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty
Hear you not heav'nly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting
Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?
What is this light so fair, so tender
Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Never the Morning Star so radiant*

*Followed his course o'er eastern skies.
What is this light so fair, so tender
Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps
Seek the Saviour, born today.
Low at His feet we lay our treasure,
Heart's adoration, love for aye.
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps
Seek the Saviour, born today.*

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation Hymn 112 (v4)

In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can give him give my heart**

The Great Thanksgiving¹

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S129*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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. _____

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Hymn 78, verse 3

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

Invitation

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Receiving

All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free rice wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. Please assist the Chalicists by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips or you may dip the bread in the wine (intinction). If you choose to receive a blessing instead of communion, please place your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

Solo

Cantique de Noel
Ben Greenfield, Tenor

Adam

Minuit, chrétiens, c'est l'heure solennelle,
Où l'Homme Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous
Pour effacer la tache originelle
Et de Son Père arrêter le courroux.
Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance
En cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur.
Peuple à genoux, attends ta délivrance.
Noël, Noël, voici le Rédempteur!

Le Rédempteur a brisé toute entrave:
La terre est libre, et le ciel est ouvert.
Il voit un frère où n'était qu'un esclave,
L'amour unit ceux qu'enchaînait le fer.
Qui lui dira notre reconnaissance,
C'est pour nous tous qu'il naît,
qu'il souffre et meurt.
Peuple debout! Chante ta délivrance,
Noël, Noël, chantons le Rédempteur!

*Midnight, Christians, is the solemn hour,
When God as man descended unto us
To erase the stain of original sin
And to end the wrath of His Father.
The entire world thrills with hope
On this night that gives it a Saviour.
People, kneel down, await your deliverance.
Christmas, Christmas, here is the Redeemer!*

*The Redeemer has broken every bond:
The Earth is free, and Heaven is open.
He sees a brother where there was only a slave,
Love unites those that iron had chained.
Who will tell Him of our gratitude,
For all of us He is born, He suffers and dies.
People, stand up! Sing of your deliverance,
Christmas, Christmas, sing of the Redeemer!*

Hymn 115

What child is this, who, laid to rest

Greensleeves

Hymn 109

The first Nowell the angel did say

The First Nowell

All kneel as lights are dimmed and the light is spread.

Hymn 111

Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht

Prayer after Communion²

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Sovereign, Savior and Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever, **Amen.**

Hymn 100

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Antioch

Dismissal

*The Deacon dismisses the people and they respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Postlude

Fanfare on "In Dulci Jubilo"

Dicie

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Liturgical Notes

¹*Enriching Our Worship I*, pp. 60-62; ²*Enriching Our Worship I*, p. 70.



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- † Katherine M. Chin, Stephanie Anne, Katherine Lois and Kerwin Chung for Calvin Chin, Edwina Moy Wong, Jennie Moy Wong, Ruth Moy, Kristen Elizabeth Chung, Richard Moy our grandparents and loved ones
- † Dolly Chin for Dolly and Charles Carr, Alice and Burch Watson
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AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S MERCIES BY

- † Blessing Ogamba for my sister Juliet Achowa
- † Jim and Doris Ridenour for our children and grandchildren
- † Evelyn R. Zink for my beloved grandchildren, David Jane, Natalie, Zach, Alex. Fiona and Spencer

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CONTINUES

New Year's Day Christmas Carol Sing

Sunday, Jan. 1 • 10:30 am

Retiring of Children's Memorial Candles

No Sunday School

Epiphany Service & Twelfth Night Party

Friday, Jan. 6 • 6:00 pm service, Cathedral

6:30 pm party, Undercroft

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