



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Saturday, December 24th, 2022
at 10:00 p.m.

*We strongly encourage the wearing of masks
during the entire service.*



Ders luy saclinera
adoc sera le dieu des



dieu loue en la t
re r aux cieulx

Deus in adiutorium meum intende. Domine ad adiuuandum in
festina. Gloria patri et filio et
spui sancto. Sicut erat in prin
cipio et nunc et semper. etc. **H**ymnus



Dile pourete ieu
ne fillete dug pe
tit efat nasgra. q
toute poure bestel
lete abozera. en la
crechete. sus seche
berbetela snezude



ORDER OF SERVICE

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in worship areas so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship.

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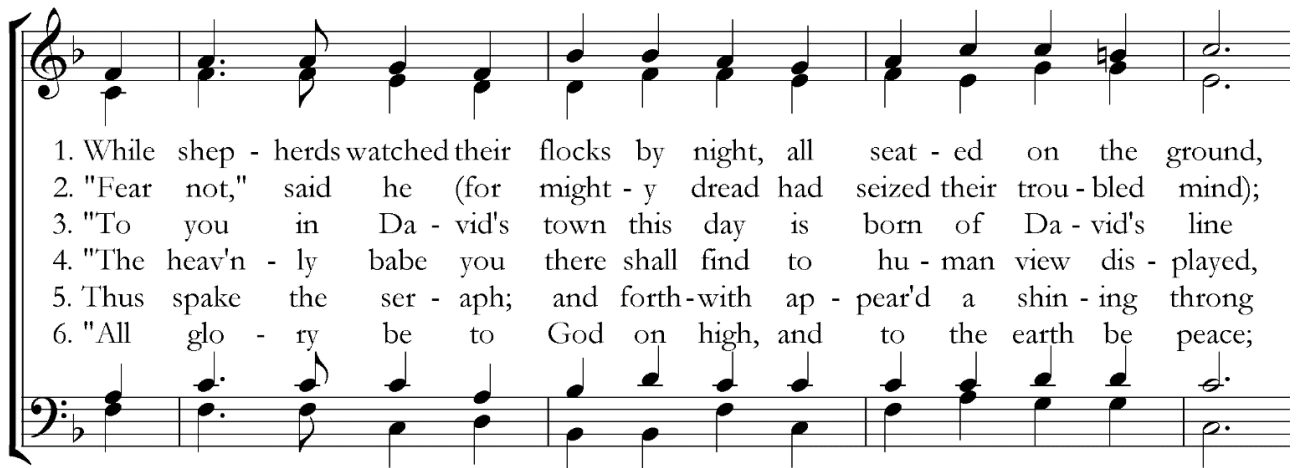
Let go of distractions and let the silence and the music be gifts as we create sacred space and sacred time together.

AT THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

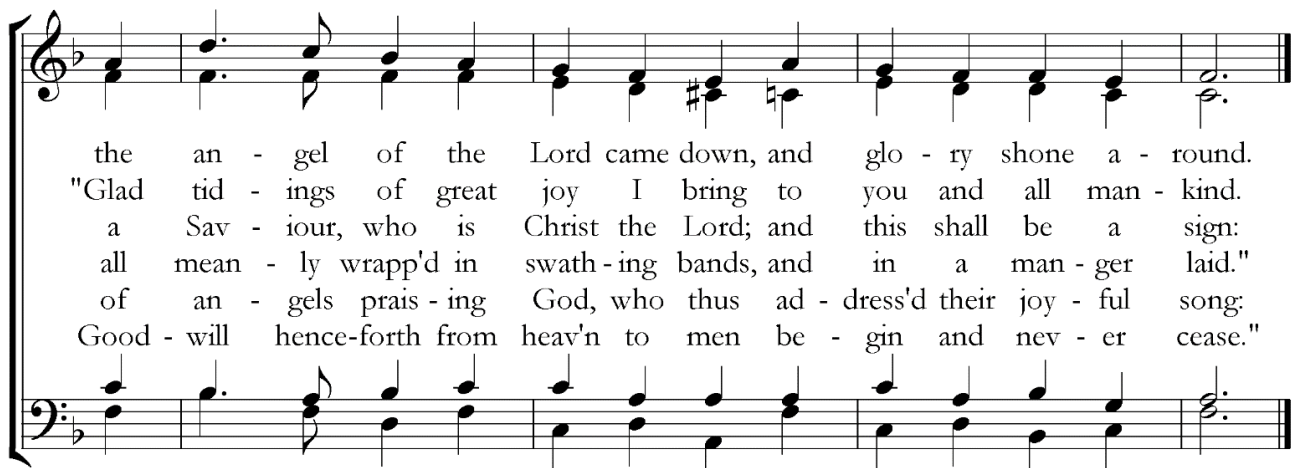
All are invited to remain seated as the choir enters the Cathedral and through the singing of the hymns and carols during this gathering portion of the service. All are invited to sing the printed hymns.

HYMN: "While shepherds watched their flocks by night"

WINCHESTER OLD



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not," said he (for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind);
3. "To you in Da - vid's town this day is born of Da - vid's line
4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5. Thus spake the ser - aph; and forth-with ap - pear'd a shin - ing thron
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;



the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
"Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
a Sav - iour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be a sign:
all mean - ly wrapp'd in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dress'd their joy - ful song:
Good - will hence-forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

[Text: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)]

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky?
 How do you measure the love of a mother or how can you write down a baby's first cry?
 Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
 Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright. Angels are singing; the Christ child is
 born. Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him. Seraphim round him their vigil
 will keep. Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour, but Mary will hold him
 and sing him to sleep. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on his cradle
 till breaking of dawn. Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright, angels are
 singing; the Christ child is born. Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger, Christ our
 Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation, a child with his
 mother that first Christmas Day. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine
 on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright.
 Angels are singing; the Christ child is born. [Text: John Rutter]

HYMN: "Away in a manger"

CRADLE SONG

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Mary sits in the rosegrove and rocks her child Jesus, softly through the leaves blows a warm summer wind. At her feet sings a colorful little bird: Sleep, child, my sweet, just go to sleep! Lovely is your smile, lovely is your joy in slumber, lay your tired little head against your mother's breast! Sleep, child, my sweet, just go to sleep! [Text: Martin Boelitz (1874 - 1918)]

HYMN: "What child is this?"

GREENSLEEVES

(Harmonized version at No. 115, The Hymnal 1982)



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
pea - sant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard, and an - gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

CHOIR: *I wonder as I wander*

Carl Rützi
(b. 1949)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior 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 heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King. [Text: Appalachian folk song, collected by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)]

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Noël X*

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1722)

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

WELCOME

HYMN: 83, "O come, all ye faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God from God, Light from light e - ter - nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
glo - ry to God, in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. To us a child is born.

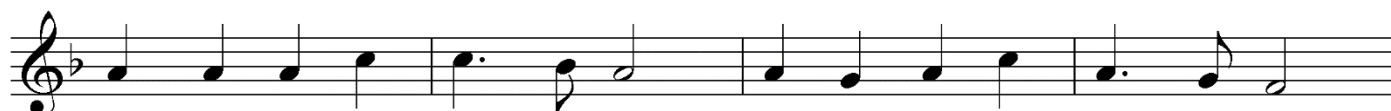
All **O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all*

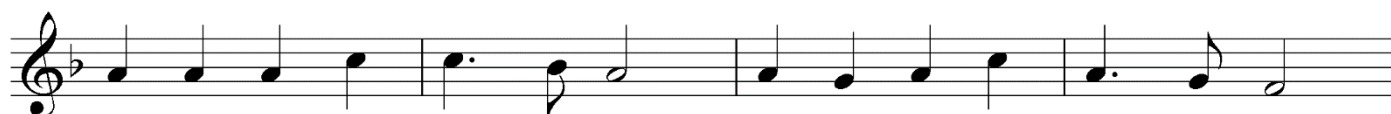
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Angels we have heard on high" *Sung by all*

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
3. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re-ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 98 *Sung by the choir*

Chant: Peter Aston
(1938-2013)

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, *
 whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- 2 O Lord, you have made known the victory; *
 you have openly shown your righteousness
 in the sight of the nations.

- 3 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.
- 4 Should with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
- 5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
Shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.
- 7 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.
- 9 In righteousness shall God judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

HYMN: "O little town of Bethlehem"

FOREST GREEN

Harmonized version at No. 78, The Hymnal 1982

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won drous gift is given!
3. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless ings of his heaven.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **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!"

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

ANTHEM: *Glory to God in the highest from Messiah*

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards all.
[Text: Luke 2:8-14]

SERMON

The Rev. Timothy B. Safford

Silence for reflection.

NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, all are invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's Word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the rejoicing of this night might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the joy and consolation of the true Light might enliven all who are struck down by illness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the Name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: *O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam
(1803-1856)

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine! Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His Gospel is peace. Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, and in His Name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise His holy Name! Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! [Text: Placide Cappeau (1808–1877); Translation: John S, Dwight (1855)]

HYMN: 100, "Joy to the world!"

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns, let us our tongues em - ploy,
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove
let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy,
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his love,
and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Organ *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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,

All

**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 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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,

LORD'S PRAYER *Said by each in their own language*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.**

Give us this day our daily bread.	Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
And forgive us our trespasses,	Pardonne-nous nos offenses
as we forgive those	comme nous pardonnons aussi
who trespass against us.	à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
And lead us not into temptation,	Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
but deliver us from evil.	mais délivre-nous du mal.
For thine is the kingdom,	Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
and the power, and the glory,	la puissance et la gloire,
for ever and ever. Amen.	pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

The Alleluia is sung by all and repeated after the choir sings the verse.

Organ All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

All **Alleluia.**

COMMUNION

L'hospitalité eucharistique est offerte à toute personne, quelle que soit sa confession ecclésiale.

All are welcome to share in the Eucharist, the feast of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be administered today in front of the altar rail, and at the steps to the Martyrs'

*Chapel (to the left of the altar), and at the back of the nave. **Please follow the directions of the ushers.***

You are invited to stand to receive communion. Please receive the bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. In accordance with current guidelines provided by the Bishop, we are offering wine at communion. You are invited to take a small sip; please do not dip your wafer in the wine.

Please inform an usher if you need communion brought to your pew.

This is a big city and we are concerned about theft; please take your coat, purse, and other belongings with you as you leave the pew.

PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION DURING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself in the bread and wine of communion that becomes your Body and Blood. Grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls, and that we may have confidence in your promise to be with us always. Amen.

Still, still, still

arr. Philip Ledger

Still, still, still, let all the world be still. For Mary lays her Son to rest, sings to him softly at her breast; still, still, still, let all the world be still. Sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby, sleep; the angels all rejoice and sing, heav'n for your delight shall ring; sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby, sleep. Joy, joy, joy, my heart is filled with joy. The God of love has left his throne, made this humble world his home; Joy, joy, joy, my heart is filled with joy.
[Text: Volkslied aus Tirol, 1819; Translation: Meg Peacocke]

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain. Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel, which adore. 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, I give Him, give my heart. (Text, Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894)

All are invited to remain seated.

The acolytes will light the candles of those along the aisles. Please share the Light of Christ with your neighbor. Young children should be very carefully supervised.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

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 human will, 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.

All are invited to kneel, as able.

HYMN: "Silent night, holy night"

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
 all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child,
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
 Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

BLESSING

May 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 holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent 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 peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able.

HYMN: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,
 Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!
 Late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us se - cond birth.
 Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh, the God-head see; hail, th'in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
 with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as us with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born king!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

David Bednall
(b. 1979)

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Karen, Henri, JL, Kinesley, Louise, Barbara, Carol, Eleanor, Laurel, Sue, Bob, Harriet, Melissa, Peiro, Barbara, Donald, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor; and for those who have died, especially Gail Worth, Brian, Martha Virginia Champagne, Shen De Ming, Alice, Théodore, Michel Schilliger, Anna; and for all those affected by COVID-19.

Prayer requests may be sent to us at: communications@americancathedral.org We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

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In Memory of Avis and Sidney Segré by Ms. Kendel Segré

In Memory of The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Rodgers

by The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. Thompson

In Thanksgiving by Joyce and Xavier Chanay

In Memory of Chet and Trudy Hendricks by Shelly

In Thanksgiving for Jazz Vespers of December 4th, 2022

by Annette Kazes

Anonymous

In Memory of Kevin Kavanagh

Anonymous

In Memory of Kathryn Greene Safford

In Memory of Lilla Willey and Chauncey Willey

In Memory of Anne Ryan Dean

In Memory of Henry Barnard Safford

In Memory of Andrew Karoly

In Memory of Ronald Dean

In Memory of Timothy Barnard Safford

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In Memory of Bill Greene

In Memory of Jean Bodine

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In Memory of her loving parents by Leslie Buzzacaro

In Memory of Don Voss by Maynard Hedegaard

In Honor of the Flower Guild by Xavier Gastaud

In Thanksgiving by Rahul Gunde

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In Memory of Gail Worth by Sophie Belouet

Christmas at the Cathedral

Sunday, December 25th at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day

Sunday, January 1st at 11:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist for the Baptism of our Lord

*The Cathedral will be closed for the week after Christmas,
with the exception of noon AA meetings*

Friday, January 6th at 12:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany

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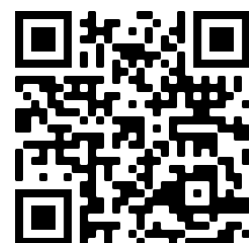
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Three Things to Know

Join us in person or online tomorrow, **Christmas Day, at 11:00 a.m.** for Holy Eucharist.

Very shortly we will be reaching out to you with information regarding our 2023 Annual Appeal which will be launched in January at the beginning of the New Year. This month, **we invite you to fulfill your pledge for 2022** at amcathparis.com/pledge. For your **pledge balance**, please contact Chris Barnes and Anne Pouret, the Annual Appeal Co-Chairs, at pledge@americancathedral.org.

Come learn about the **mysterious inner workings of our marvelous Cavillé-Coll organ** from **Philipp Klais, organ builder**, who has been chosen to manage the organ restoration subject to a successful capital campaign. M. Klais will be joined by noted Paris organists and our own music staff to explain the intricacies of these magnificent instruments and how ours can be brought to fulfill its potential. Join us for this **Organ Colloquium** on **Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m.** in person or online. The event is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow.

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