



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. Please turn off all mobile phones, and refrain from photography. Let go of distractions. Let the silence and the music be gifts as we create sacred space and sacred time together. While gathering tonight for the service, all are invited to remain seated as the choir processes into the Cathedral through the hymns and carols. Please join in singing the printed hymns.

HYMN: "Once in royal David's city"

IRBY



(Choir) 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
(Choir) 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
(Choir) 3. And through all his won - drous child-hood he would ho - nor and o - bey,
All 4. For he is our child-hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he grew,
All 5. And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re - deem - ing love,
All 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
love and watch the low - ly maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he lay;
he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less; tears and smiles like us he knew:
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him, but in hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high:



Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
with the poor and mean and low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
Chris - tian child - ren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
and he leads his child - ren on to the place where he is gone.
when like stars his child - ren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

CHOIR: *The Oxen*

Jessica French
(b.1984)

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," an elder said as we sat in a flock by the embers in hearthside ease. We pictured the meek mild creatures where they dwelt in their strawy pen, nor did it occur to one of us there to doubt they were kneeling then. So fair a fancy few would weave in these years! Yet, I feel, if someone said on Christmas Eve, "Come; see the oxen kneel, in the lonely barton by yonder coombe our childhood used to know," I should go with him in the gloom, hoping it might be so. [Text: Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)]

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.

Refrain
 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: *Away in a manger*

Traditional Normandy Tune
 arr. Reginald Jacques
 (1894-1969)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; the stars in the heavens 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 forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there. [Text: anonymous]

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 throng
 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)]

CHOIR: *Sussex Carol*

arr. Philip Ledger
(1937-2012)

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring; news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: 'Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen!' (Text, English traditional)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Noël X*

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1722)

Please stand, as able, as the Procession enters the Cathedral.

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

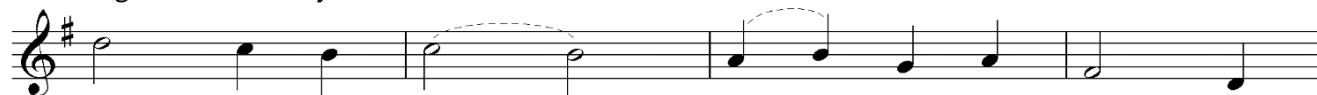
ADESTE FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. *Peu - ple fid - è - le, le Sei - gneur t'ap - pe - lle! C'est*
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
fê - te sur Ter - re, le Christ est né.
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

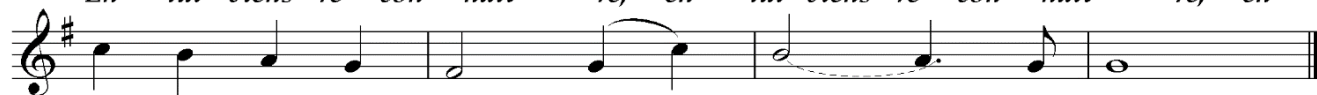


come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Viens à la crè - che voir le Roi du mon - de.
glo - ry to God, in the high - est;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
En lui viens re - con - naît - re, en lui viens re - con - naît - re, en



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord
lui viens re - con - naît - re ton Dieu, Sau - veur.

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. To us a child is born.

All **To us a Son is given. 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.



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;



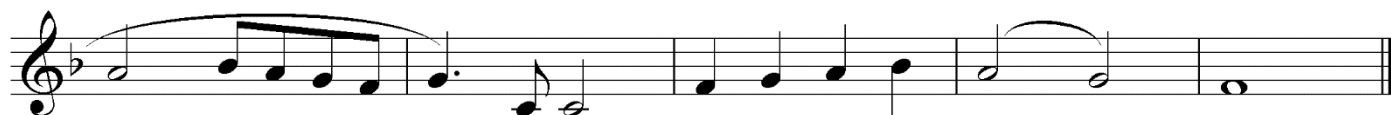
and the moun-tains in re-ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



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 *Celebrant*

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.**

O Dieu, tu as fait resplendir cette sainte nuit de l'éclat de la vraie lumière : Accorde-nous qu'illuminés dès ici-bas par la révélation de ce mystère, nous goûtions dans le ciel la plénitude de sa joie. Par Jésus Christ notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu dans la gloire éternelle. Amen.

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

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 (NRSV) *Sung by the choir*

Chant: Peter Aston
(1938-2013)

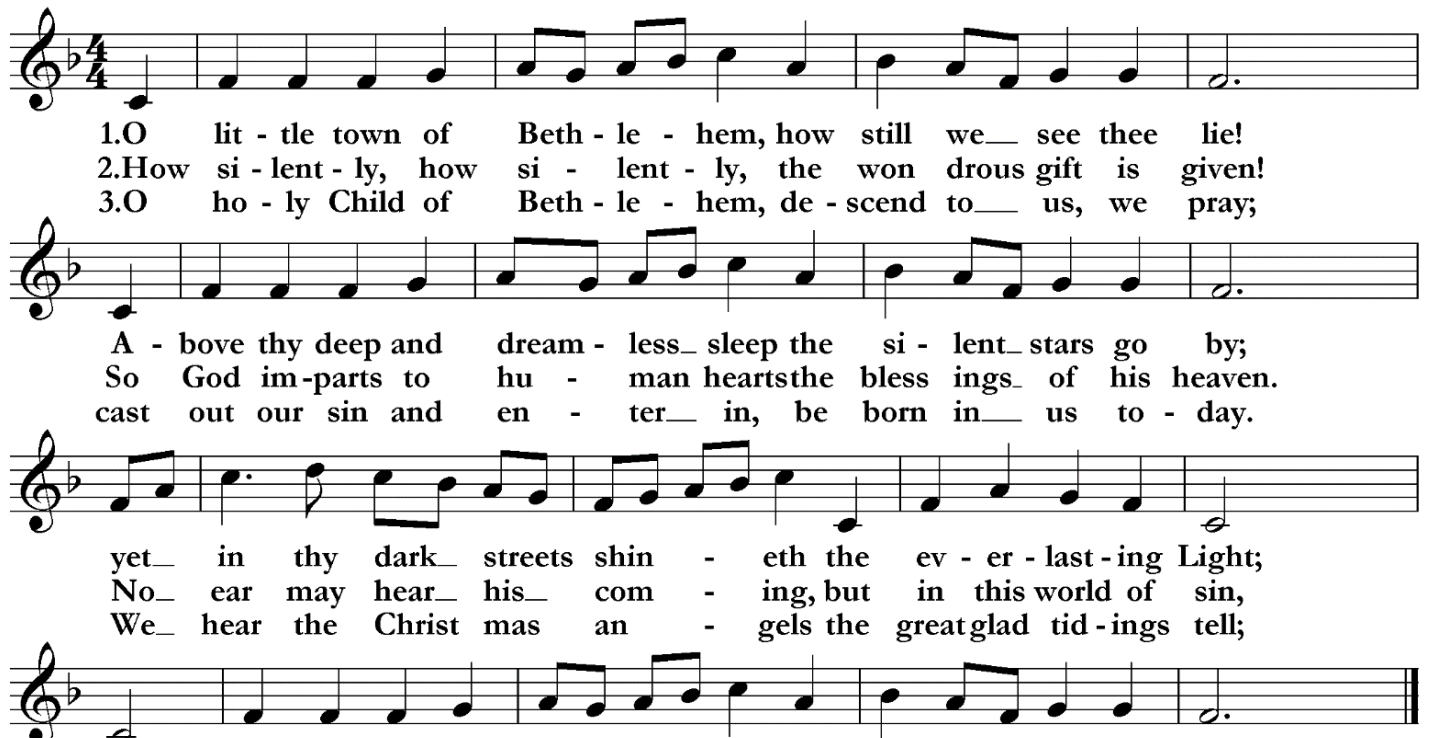
Cantate Domino

- 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.

HYMN: "O little town of Bethlehem"

FOREST GREEN



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: John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Very Rev. James R. Harlan

Silence for reflection.

NICENE CREED *Standing as able, said by all*

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

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.

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 [especially N.], 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 [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night with joy and light. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas Word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen.**

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.



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HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY 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



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
Joie sur la terre! Le roi est là! Que
He rules the world with truth and grace and

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earth re - ceive her King; let
s'ac - com - plisse sa loi Ô
makes the na - tions prove the

9
ev'ry heart pre - pare him room and
hum - ble - ment Jé - sus Vers nous est re - ve - nu. Ren -
glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and

13
heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
dez gloire au Sei - gneur, Ren - dez gloire au Sei -
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

16
sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
gneur, Ren - dez, ren - dez gloire au Sei - gneur.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

All are invited to stand, as able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Elevons notre cœur.

People **Nous le tournons vers le Seigneur.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God 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, Almighty God, 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all*

*Festival Eucharist, Craig Philips
(b. 1961)*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with an *Organ* introduction and is marked *All*. The lyrics are: 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.
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.**

**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.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

All **Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

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.

COMMUNION

L'hospitalité eucharistique est offerte à toute personne, quelle que soit sa confession ecclésiastique. You are invited to stand or kneel 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. Sadly, we must be concerned about theft; please take your coat, purse, and other belongings with you as you leave the pew.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS:

O little town of Bethlehem

English, arr. H. Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. [Text: The Gospel of Luke]

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n; So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! [Text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)]

In the bleak mid-winter

Harold Darke
(1888-1976)

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)]

After Communion, the acolytes will light the candles of those along the aisles. Please stand, as able, and share the Light of Christ with your neighbor.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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.**

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)

Our worship service concludes at the end of the organ voluntary during which our musicians and livestreaming team are still hard at work. Please avoid entering the chancel or the Martyrs' Chapel during this time and keep noise to a minimum.

SERVING TODAY: *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Hailey Jacobsen; *Preacher:* The Very Rev. James R. Harlan; *Assisting Priest:* Le Rèvèrend Père Jean Dumond Chavanne; *Canon Precentor and Director of Music:* Zach Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Altar Guild:* Harriet Rivière, Patricia Gastaud, Joy Oloni, Joshua Oloni, Dennis Grove; *Flower Guild:* Members of the Flower Guild; *Lectors:* Samuel Dilley, Jocelyn Phelps; *Livestream Production:* Arthur Girard; *Ministers of Communion:* Ann Dushane, Jocelyn Phelps, Kim Powell; *Ushers:* Bruce McCoy, Gretel Furner.

The flowers and music are dedicated to the glory of God and to those listed below.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Dennis, John, Kathleen, Presiding Bishop Curry, Anne, Sharon, David, Hervé, Elizabeth, Melissa, Jeremy, Françoise and Eleanor.

We pray for those who have died, especially Bonifacio Mana-ay, Isabelle, and Jochem de Boer.

We pray for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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

Funerals and Memorial Services

Frances Bommart | Wednesday, December 27th | 5:30 p.m.

Flower and Music Dedications

- In Memory of Avis & Sidney Segré by their daughters Kendal & Jennifer
- In Honor of Christopher Moss; Vanessa Martinez; and Abbie and Samir Bandok by Kimberly Moss
- In Honor and Gratitude for our mother and grandmother Katerine Newhouse by Hope and Ella Newhouse
- Anonymous
- In Memory of Charles Henry Drummond III by his partner Robert James Crackel
- In Thanksgiving for our Cathedral Clergy, Staff and continued healing for Dennis by the Vestry
- In Memory of our beloved son, Louis Amouyel by Carol Amouyel Kent
- In Memory of our beloved parents by Gerard and Patricia Gastaud
- In Thanksgiving for family and friends near and far by the Sturman family
- In Memory of Walter Bates by Anne-Laure, Annabel, Léopold, Théodore, and Edwards Bates
- In Thanksgiving for our Cathedral Clergy, Staff, and our Church community by Joyce and Xavier Chanay
- In Memory of Stéphane, Andréa and Julien by Laure Montarry
- In Memory of Constance Marie Giraud by the Giraud Family
- Anonymous
- In Thanksgiving for the Rives, Finger, Stubbs, and Upper Families by June Rives
- In Memory of Ivy Eleanor Bryan by Lorna Scott
- In Thanksgiving for Karen Girty-Sturm by Thomas Girty and Family
- In Memory of Jacques P. Joly by Deborah Joly
- In Thanksgiving for our remarkable staff and new parish family by Dean James⁺, Eli, and Orrin Harlan

Welcome!

Welcome to The American Cathedral in Paris. We are so glad you're with us. Whether in person or online, for a short time or a lifetime, sure in faith or full of doubt, you belong here.

Building on our past and our journey towards inclusion, we strive to create a future of faith, love, and charity. Let's do it together. Give us a call, send an email, or—we can't wait to get to know you.

Livestreaming: Please note that we are livestreaming this service. If you do not wish to appear on the livestream, please sit behind the first five pews. Thank you

Music Notes | A Multitude of Voices

In an effort to create a fuller and more inclusive picture of the richness of our musical heritage, we will be exploring music composed by women, BIPOC, and other historically under-represented composers.

This fall we will be focusing on women composers, including music composed by Sarah MacDonald, Mel Bonis, Jessica French, Stephanie Martin, Joy-Leilani Garbutt, and others. Despite being historically under-represented in the musical canon, women have been active contributors to all eras and styles of music from antiquity to contemporary.

The Oxen, heard this evening, was composed by **Jessica French**. Jessica French is a Seattle-based composer, soprano, and music educator. As a composer, she specializes in sacred and secular choral music. Her works have been commissioned and performed by various ensembles including Seattle Pro Musica, Northwest Girlchoir, Choral Arts Northwest, Opus 7 Vocal Ensemble, and Kantorei of Kansas City. Jessica has a rare neurological ability called synesthesia, in which the senses of the brain are linked to one another, mainly in the form of colors associated with notes, timbres, and words. These colors associated with the text help direct the musical choices she makes when composing. Her music often contains shifting modality and various key changes to reflect the changes in color.

Safeguarding

As part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the American Cathedral in Paris is committed to assuring that all people are treated with respect and that no one is abused, harassed, or taken advantage of in any way. We are especially committed to assuring the safety of children and those adults who may be particularly vulnerable.

We adhere to the Convocation's Safeguarding Policy, and two members of our congregation are appointed as the Safeguarding Officers. If you have any concerns at all, please know that they are available to speak with you.

Our Safeguarding Officers are Angelina Stelmach and William Tompson. Please contact them with any questions or concerns at safeguarding@americancathedral.org

Support Us | Stewardship

Dean Harlan's 2023 Christmas letter | Christmas and End of Year Giving

As our calendar year closes, I ask you prayerfully to consider remembering the Cathedral in your Year-end giving plans. Fulfilling a pledge, making a gift over and above a pledge, or making a new gift to support our common life will enable that light to shine out from this place in the neighborhood, online, and beyond. This ministry needs and celebrates every single gift, whatever the size.

I like to remind us that if we are being faithful to our call, we always have more work, more service, than we have resources. Our Cathedral is ready to feed more hungry people, make more joyful music, teach the faith in various forums, welcome even more people into our community.

Your support of our shared mission is crucial and greatly appreciated.

With gratitude, Dean James Harlan +

Pledge for 2024

The Mission and Ministry of the Cathedral is totally supported and funded by you: through your **time**, your **talent**, and your **treasure**. Our **2024 Annual Appeal** will officially begin in January. If you would like to fill out a pledge card now, **please scan the QR code or visit amcathparis.com/pledge**.



Support Music at the Cathedral via Les Arts George V

Les Arts George V (LAGV) supports the music at the Cathedral in many ways: among them **hosting Les Dimanches Musicaux (LDM) and encouraging sponsorships and donations**. Half the proceeds of LDM go to the Cathedral music program. For sponsorships and donations, remember that in France, while LAGV receives 100% of your gift, you will receive 66% as a deduction on your income tax.



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Three Things to Know

On the first day of Christmas . . . Join us in person or online, **Christmas Day, at 11:00 a.m.** for Holy Eucharist with choir.

The **Cathedral and offices will be closed** December 26th to 29th, and January 1st. Regular AA meetings will occur but all prayer services, regularly scheduled meetings, tours, etc will not occur. We look forward to welcoming you back for worship on Sunday, December 31st at 11:00 a.m. Our offices and programs will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. The Tricoteuse will resume on January 8th.

Join us for an **Epiphany Choral Evensong**. Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m., online or in person.

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