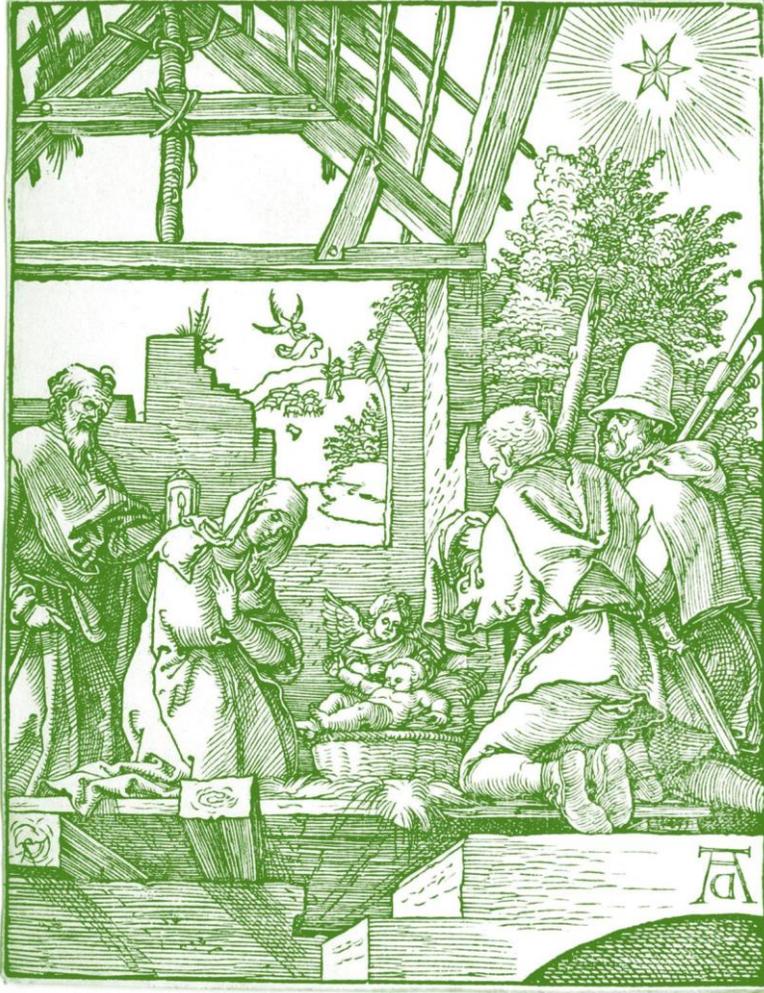


CHRISTMAS EVE



MASS OF THE NATIVITY

10:30 p.m.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL ♦ SAN DIEGO ♦ CALIFORNIA

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

- Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023

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Parents with young children are invited to worship with their children in the Playground area of the Nave, where age-appropriate activities are available.

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- ❖ South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- ❖ North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- ❖ South transept (by the organ console) east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- ❖ Northeast hallway door (next to the Christmas tree) to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- ❖ West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*

Pre-service music

*Music for organ and trumpet
with anthems and carols from the Cathedral Choir
and Carols for the Congregation*

In dulci jubilo
Johann Michael Bach (1648-1694)

Carol for the Congregation: Hymn 109

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Alternative Refrain
Descant (others unison)

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

Once in Royal David's City
Traditional Carol
Trumpet and organ

Et in terra pax (from "Gloria" RV 589)
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
And on earth, peace to people of good will.
The Cathedral Choir

Carol for the Congregation: Hymn 81

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

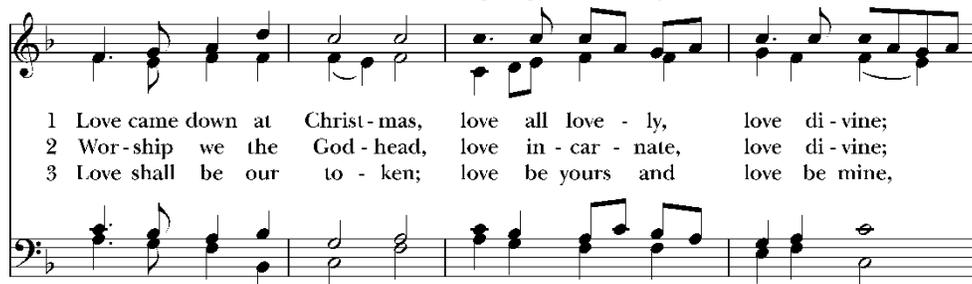
Verbum caro factum est
Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis et vidimus gloriam ejus gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

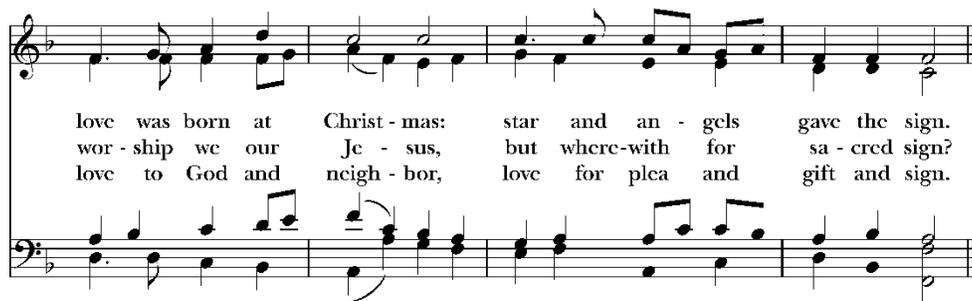
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Cathedral Choir

Carol for the Congregation: Hymn 84



1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,



love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt. Music: *Gartan*, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II*, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Coventry Carol
Traditional Carol
Trumpet and organ

§ Please stand as you are able for the tolling of the bell.

Hymn 83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God of _____ God, _____ Light _____ of _____ Light _____
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, _____
 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py: mor - ning; -

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

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 Ve - ry - God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted;
 3 glo - ry to God, _____ in the high - est;
 6 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.

Hymn 83: Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others;
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906

The Word of God

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page 355

The Acclamation

Presider

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

People

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Presider

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.

People **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated when the Presider sits after the censuring.*

The Gloria (*choir*)

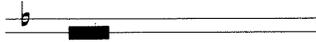
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

from *Missa Brevis*

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider 
The Lord be with you.

People 
And also with you.

Presider 
Let us pray.

Presider

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.

People **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying
A Reading from the Book of 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 onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

§ Please stand as able for the Hymn.

Gradual Hymn 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 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.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 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.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1968)

§ *Please be seated.*

Titus 2:11-14

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying
A Reading from the Book of Titus.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

§ *Please stand as able.*

Alleluia Verse (*Cantor, then all repeat*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Behold, I bring you good tidings of / great joy;*
to you is born a / Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.*

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Dr. Susan Brown Snook,
Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

§ *After a moment of silence, please stand as able for the Nicene Creed.*

Presider

Let us stand and proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

(Presider and people)

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

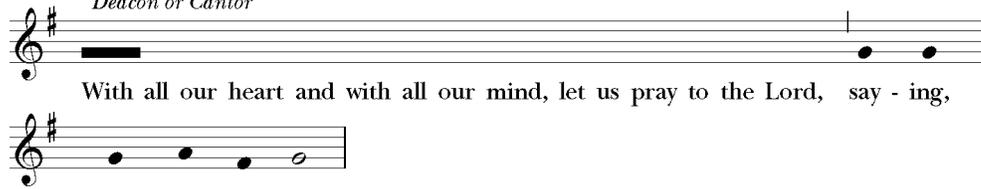
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form I S 106

Deacon or Cantor



With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, say - ing,

“Lord, have mer - cy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

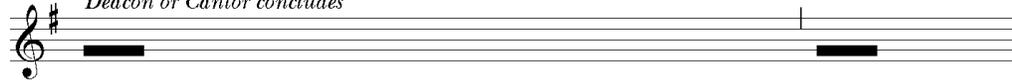
For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon or Cantor concludes



In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend



ourselves, and one an - o - ther, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People



To thee, O Lord our God.
you,

Silence

Presider

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

§ *The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.*

§ *Please be seated.*

Welcome and announcements

The Offertory

You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:



or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, Anthem

*Hodie Christus natus est: Noe! Hodie
Salvator apparuit: Hodie in terra canunt
Angeli, laetantur Archangeli; Hodie exsultant
justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia.*

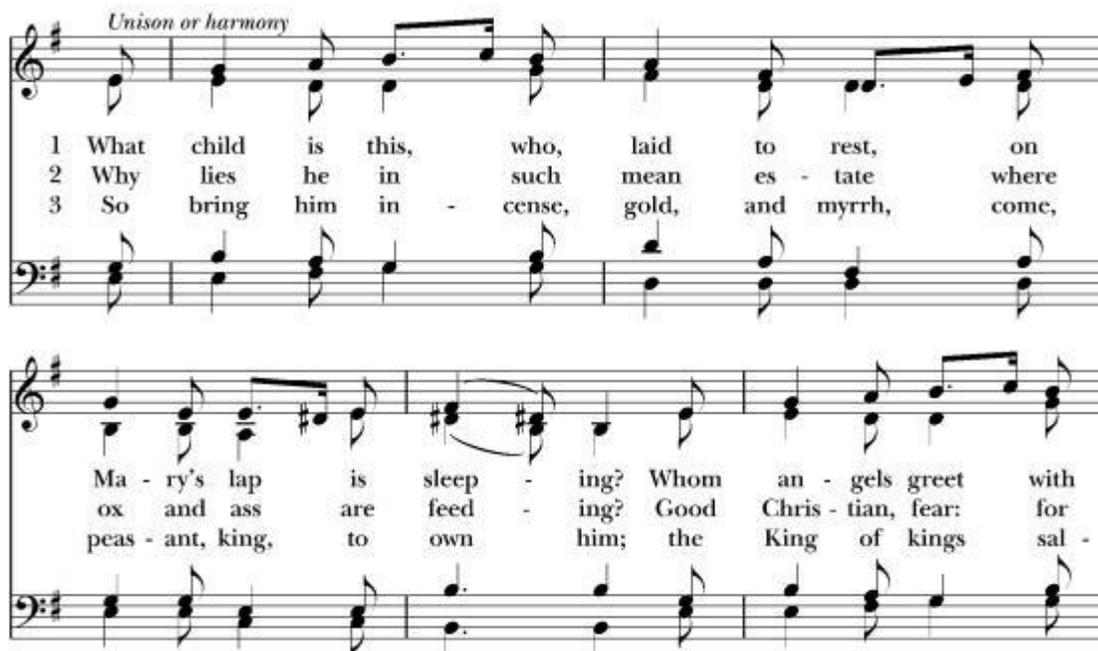
Hodie! Christus natus est
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Today is Christ born. Noel! The Saviour hath appeared, Alleluia! Today angels sing on earth, archangels rejoice. Today the just ones exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest!

§ Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 115

Unison or harmony



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
peas - ant, 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.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

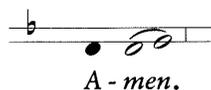
The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Presider and People:



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

The Lord's Prayer *(Presider and People)*

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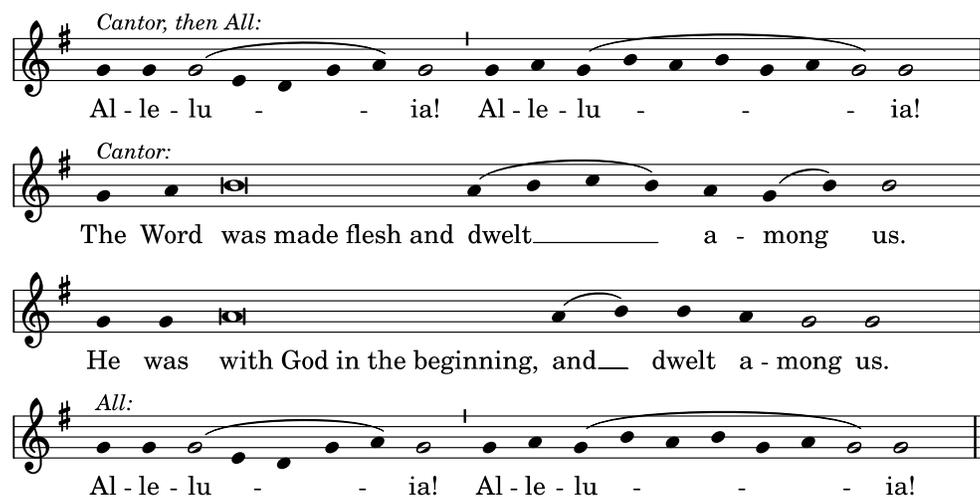
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

Christmas Fraction Anthem



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor and All, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!". The second staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "The Word was made flesh and dwelt _____ a - mong us.". The third staff continues the Cantor's part with the lyrics "He was with God in the beginning, and ___ dwelt a - mong us.". The fourth staff is for All, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!".

The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

– *The Iona Community Worship Book*

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the altar. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.

As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:

- ❖ *To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders*

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

At the Communion, Agnus Dei (choir)

from *Missa Brevis*

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world: have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world: have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world: grant us peace.

Anthems

O magnum mysterium

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

*O Magnum Mysterium et admirabile sacramentum ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praeseptio. Beata Virgo cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.*

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament that animals should see the Lord lying in a
manger. O blessed Virgin whose womb was worthy to carry the Lord Jesus Christ.

§ *At the close of Communion, the candles are switched on and may be switched off after the
reading of the Last Gospel.*

§ *Please stand as you are able for the Hymn.*

Hymn 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
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
 heaven - 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.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

§ Please remain standing as you are able for the following prayer:

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Christmas Blessing

Bishop

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.

People **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, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Last Gospel John 1:1-14

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.

Hymn 105



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

§ *The clergy, altar party, and people depart as music is played.*

Please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and listen to the Voluntary or pray for a while. Thank you.

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In thanksgiving for our wonderful choirs

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In memory of Josephine Owen

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In memory of Judith Dean; in gratitude for my Cathedral's prayers

Canon Konnie Dadmun

In loving memory of Dr. Stew Dadmun

The Rev. Canon Dorothy Curry

In memory of the wonderful life of the Rev. Canon Joan Ford

Roxanne Perfect-Knight & Bob Knight

In memory of our mothers, Virginia Casna Cone & Elizabeth Perl Knight; in thanksgiving for our St. Paul's Cathedral Community

Vanessa Evans

In memory of Michael Evans

Wayne & Kris Hatch

In honor of our grandchildren!

Jen Jow

In honor of the Jow family

Donna Perdue & Calvin Johnson

In memory of our friends and families

Rew Carne



John Will & the Rev. Tom Wilson

In thanksgiving for the volunteers, staff, clergy and community of St. Paul's Cathedral

Bob Holt

In memory of my husband Don, our parents Merle & Hugh Howard, and Betty & Glenn Holt

Barbara Parry

In honor of my family

Susan & Doug Hulbert

In memory of our parents and grandparents

Don Pellioni

In gratitude for our Cathedral Community

Nancy Leon

In memory of Eilene, Homer, Iru, and Rita

Elaine Wolfe

Gary Owen

In thanksgiving for Canon Konnie Dadmun for her decades of leadership

Stacey Klamon

In memory of the Gold/Ashcroft family

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In memory of our brother Kevin Walker

John & Paula Peeling

In thanksgiving for Martin Green, and for Becky & Mel Yokoyama

Lisa Churchill

In honor of the dedicated SPC altar-serving corps

Susan Forsburg

In loving memory of Janet Forsburg





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In deepest gratitude for the ministry of Martin Green

Sandy Lawrensen

In memory of Jill L. Sanford; in honor of Anna & Elvin Lawrensen

Kathleen Sheehan Burgess,

In memory of my brother Tom Sheehan, godfather/uncle Frank Federico, and father Jerry Sheehan; in thanksgiving for my SPC teammates and community

Russ Okihara

In memory of Ruth and Satoru Okihara

Tonya Stevens

In memory of Landis & Grace Brown, and Maxwell

Darien DeLorenzo & Beverly Edge

In memory of Catherine & Albert DeLorenzo; in thanksgiving for Dorcas Edge

Mark & Stacey Nagy

In loving memory of Thomas & Anthony Nagy, and Bill Amos

Mary Rathbun

In thanksgiving for Anne Walter

Blair & Cindy Shamel

In thanksgiving for our sons Louis & Andy, and their families

Susan Jester

In memory of Kathleen Bremner

Christie Batten

In memory of Joe Wood, Sr.; in honor of Joe Wood, Jr.; in thanksgiving for Bennett Wood

Ron Fichter & Lee Oum

In memory of Tom & Rose Fichter

Robert Heylman

In memory of Ruth Heylman



Andrew & Susan Williams

Lucinda Parsons

In loving memory of my soulmate Bert Zwiers

Stephanie Pierce

In celebration of my family

Ken & Mary Tranbarger

John & Brittany Powell

In memory of Henry Wesley Powell

Virginia Howlett

In loving memory of Astrid & Bruce Howlett

Larry Kohmescher & Margaret Southwick

In memory of our parents

Diane Lopez Hughes

Adele R. Moore

In thanksgiving for my recovery from a fall

Anne Cooper

In thanksgiving for William L. Cooper

Mary & Tim Conroy

In memory of our daughter Mary A. Conroy





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In loving memory of Richard R. Hogue

Charles Clark

In memory of Louis Morton

Craig & Betsey Monsell

In memory of our parents

Howard Kelting

The Rev. Susan Astarita

In memory of Bruce Thomas Astarita

Patricia Devereaux

In memory of Paul & Lois Devereaux

Susanna Han

In memory of Sara Jo Han, from her loving family

Hunter Kauffman

In thanksgiving for Eric Piper's 80th Birthday

Bob Oslie

In memory of Melinda Joy. Wheresoever she was, there was Eden

Jeff Pack

In memory of Mary Eileen Pack

Jonathan Widener

In loving memory of Nowell R. Walker

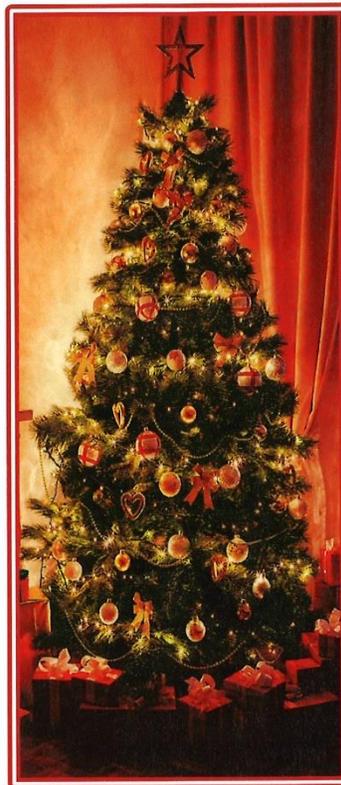
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In memory of John Smith and in love for Joyce Smith

Martha L. Duque

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In thanksgiving for our family



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CHRISTMAS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, *in the Cathedral and live-streamed.*

We celebrate Christmas morning with a service of Eucharist featuring organ and carols.

The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue will preach and Dean Penny will preside at this service.

DECEMBER 28 First Sunday after Christmas

8 am – Holy Eucharist, *in the Cathedral*

10:30 am – Choral Eucharist, *in the Cathedral and live-streamed*

5 pm – Evensong, *in the Cathedral and live-streamed*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7 pm, New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk and Evensong service

In the Great Hall. Join the Cathedral community in a tranquil and meditative service with music by Granada Consort recorder group.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

10:30 am, Holy Name Eucharist, *in the Chapel of the Holy Family (located within the Cathedral)*

Welcome the New Year with a Eucharist service observing “*The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.*”



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