Christ Church Cathedral

Mobile, Alabama

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

A Message from Dean Gibson

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral, the oldest Protestant church in the state of Alabama. Tonight, as we gather to celebrate once again the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we join generations of worshipers who have sung and prayed and heard the Bethlehem story in this sacred place on this holy night. As you settle yourself before our worship begins, spend a few minutes imagining the moments in history seen by that "cloud of witnesses"—times of wars and of longed-for peace, times of economic hardship and of great prosperity, times of national or personal crisis and of joy and celebration. If we place ourselves within the context of those worshippers and their moments in time, we may gain a new perspective on the matters we carry in our hearts tonight. We may also gain strength and courage from the prayers and the hopes and dreams that linger all around us. This year our prayers are especially focused on the healing of our whole world during this time od pandemic. We also pray especially for the unity of our nation and for the welfare of its people.

Our worship tonight also takes us outside of time, into the eternal life of God, as we hear the words of scripture, sing the psalms and hymns, and say the ancient creeds and prayers. We will be lifted to other dimensions through the music. We will be drawn into the sacred mystery of the Eucharist.

Whether this is your first visit to Christ Church or the repeating of long-standing tradition for you, I am glad that you are here tonight and extend the welcome of the Vestry and the whole Cathedral Family to you. Ushers wearing purple badges are here to assist you tonight; they can direct you to water and restrooms, or to hearing assistance devices available for your use. At the appropriate time, they will help light the candles that you received when you entered. Please know that all Christians are welcome to receive from the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms to receive a blessing.

We will gather to worship again tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.. Christmas Day worship is a peaceful and joyous way to begin a holiday with friends and family. We will have music and will sing favorite Christmas hymns and carols.

I wish you a blessed Christmas: may you know God's peace and share the Good News of God's love with the world.

Faithfully,

Beverly F. Gibson+

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., Dean

Christ Church Cathedral Mission

Christ Church Cathedral lovingly welcomes all people to traditional Episcopal worship, to deepen our relationships, serve our community, and grow closer to God.

On the cover: *Adoration of the Shepherds (La notte)*, Peter Paul Rubens, 1608, oil on panel (300 cm x 192 cm) Pinacoteca civica, Fermo, Italy.

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Musical Prelude
Five o'clock in the afternoon

Katie Ott, *harp*
Gosia Leska, *violin*

Including arrangements of:

I Saw Three Ships / Arran Boat Boat Song

Silent Night

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

We Three Kings

Angel's Medley

Arabian Dance from *The Nutcracker*

Good King Wenceslas / Ding Dong Merrily On High

Ukrainian Bell Carol / God Rest Ye Merry

The Cherry Tree Carol

Patapan

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
One half after five o'clock in the afternoon

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. *For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to* The Hymnal 1982. *Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the* New Revised Standard Version *of the* Bible.

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We extend a warm welcome to all visitors.
A gentle reminder: please turn off all electronic devices before the service.
Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. A nursery is available. Please see an usher.

Prelude — Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

A Christmas Prelude

Introit — Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

Gesu Bambino
Myles Garver, *tenor soloist*

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows / Upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars / Their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows / To greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came / That we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Welcome — The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson, Dean

Processional Hymn

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful vs. 1, 2, 3, 6 Hymnal 83

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten Son of the Father; **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing; **Refrain**

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

Antioch

Joy to the world Hymnal 100

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Collect of the Day

BCP 212

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

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

First Reading ***Isaiah 9:2-7***

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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 trampling 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino* *Please read responsively by whole verse.* BCP 725

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; ***
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ***
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! ***
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; ***
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! ***
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading ***Titus 2:11-14***

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Mendelssohn*

Hark! the herald angels sing vs. 1 Hymnal 87

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

The Holy Gospel *(King James Version)* ***Luke 2:1-20***

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

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

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David): To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn *Mendelssohn*

Hark! the herald angels sing vs. 3 Hymnal 87

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Sermon — The Very Reverend Beverly Findley Gibson

The Nicene Creed — BCP 358

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

The leader and people pray responsively.

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, "Glorious Lord, grant us your peace."

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.

Glorious Lord,

Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.

Glorious Lord,

Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you.

Glorious Lord,

Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.

Glorious Lord,

Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely.

Glorious Lord,

Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.
Glorious Lord,

Grant us your peace.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Vocal Solo

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

O Holy Night

Mollie A. Adams, *soprano*

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!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming; With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend;

He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!

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!

At the Presentation

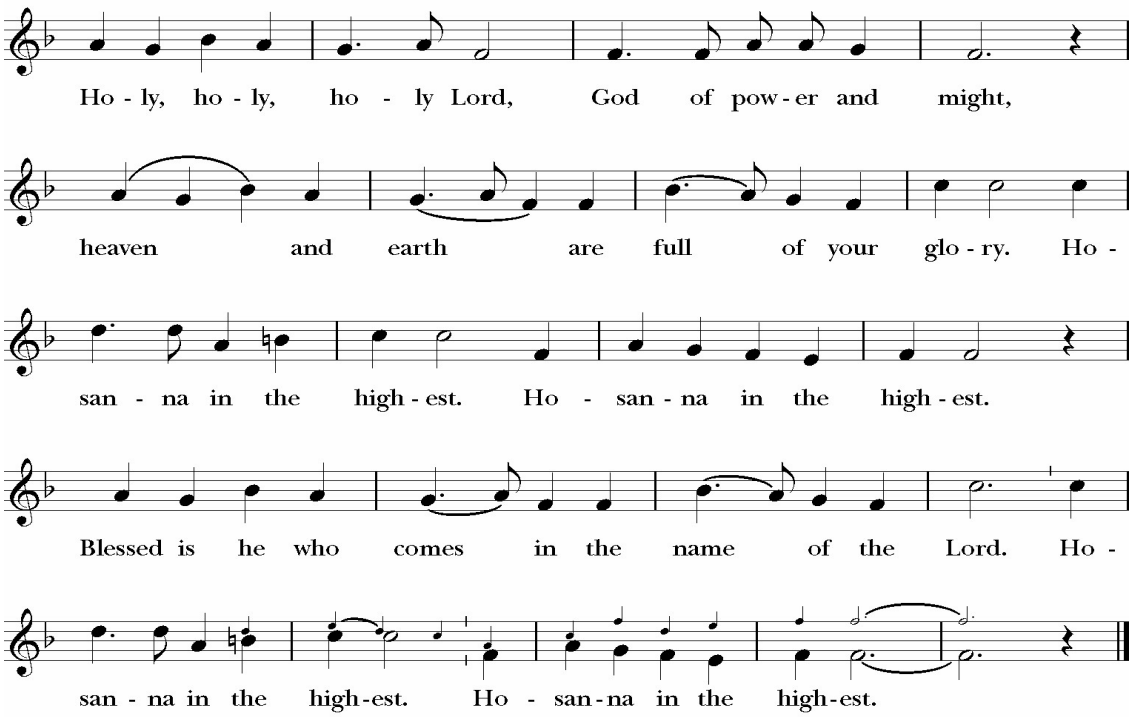
Doxology vs. 3 — *Old 100th*
America vs. 4 — Hymnal 717

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B — BCP 367

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:



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 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,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:
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 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. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.

Music at Communion

Vocal Solo

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Candlelight Carol

Myles Garver, *tenor*

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Chorus: Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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 Savior
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. **Chorus**

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 **Chorus**

Hymn *Cradle Song*

Away in a manger Hymnal 101

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Hymn *Carol*

It came upon a midnight clear Hymnal 89

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

At this time an usher will help to light the candle you received when you entered.

Hymn *Stille Nacht*

Silent night Hymnal 111

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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.

Christmas Blessing BOS 23

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

Processional Hymn *The First Nowell*

The First Nowell vs. 1, 2, 3, 6 Hymnal 109

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

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**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude J. S. Bach

Il dulci jubilo (1685-1750)

If you do not wish to keep your bulletin please place it in the recycle bin in the vestibule.

Please return candles to the baskets in the vestibules.

Christmas Memorials and Thank Offerings

The wreaths on the front doors are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lauda Eleanor Leak Corwin, Paul Charleton Corwin, junior, Corinna Herndon McCafferty,
E. L. McCafferty, junior, Marion McCafferty Sparkman, Edwin Brandoa Sparkman.

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In Thanksgiving for
the Cathedral Family and our many Blessings
the Christ Cathedral Choir

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Will, Helen, and Elizabeth Babb
Mrs. Toni Goubil Brown
Rives and Jessica Brown

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Murat and Betsy Caglaroglu
Lewis Beecham Carter
William Creary Carter
The Children and Grandchildren
of Johnny and Mary Cook
Mr. and Mrs. David Jones Cooper

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The Children and Grandchildren
of Carolyn and Bert Eichold
Elizabeth Etherton
Guy, Kimberly, Lee, Lillian, and Ann Barnett Etherton
Russ and Blair Etherton
Rayford Lee Etherton, Sr.

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Blake, Livy, and Sophie Ferguson
Mona and Ted Ferguson

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Trinity Elizabeth Gaillard
Tom and Susan Garth
Dylan and Elinor Gibson
The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
and Mr. J. Michael Gibson

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Walter Charles Haffner
Jeffrey Edward Halley and
Leslie Stanton-Halley
Mrs. Julia (Judy) S. Henson

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Lyon, Jackson, Hutch, and Hudson Israel

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The Edward Ladd Grandchildren:
Caroline, Benton, Ann, Campbell, Edward, Louise, Sarah
Jerod Lance Lucas
Virginia Hamilton Behlen Lucas

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Doy Leale McCall III
Louise McClelland McClure

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Anna Robinson McClure Middleton
Theo Frank Middleton III
Kress and Annalee Behlen Mullis

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Forrest Louise Pritchard
Louise Vass McClure Pritchard
William Shelton Pritchard IV
William Shelton Pritchard V

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Frederick Wilton Rendfrey
Harris Stevens Rendfrey
Joan Rockstad

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