



THE NATIVITY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST



*Our Cathedral family extends a warm welcome to all visitors and guests.*



PRELUDE

5:15PM

*Deo gratias*

Jim Leininger

*Deo gratias!* Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,  
four thousand winter thought he not too long;

*Deo gratias!* And all was for an apple, and apple that he took,  
as clerkës finden written in their book.

*Deo gratias!* Ne had one apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
ne had never Our Lady a been Heaven's Queen.

Blessèd be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen: *Deo gratias!*

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Carol*

**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 all 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 heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed 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.**

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt. Tune: CAROL, CMD; Richard Willis, 1819-1900

## *The Wexford Carol*

Irish traditional

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us had done in sending his beloved Son.  
With Mary holy we should pray to God, with love, this Christmas Day:  
In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before the happy tide the noble Virgin and her guide  
Were along time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town.  
But hark how all things come to pass: from every door repelled, alas!  
As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble ox's stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;  
To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.  
'Prepare and go', the angels said, 'To Bethlehem; be not afraid,  
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely Babe, sweet Jesus, born.'

**(PLEASE STAND)**

### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**See him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862  
Tune: GLORIA, with refrain; French traditional

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

13<sup>th</sup> c. hymn

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

*In dulci jubilo*

Praetorius

**(PLEASE STAND)**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.**

**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;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!**

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 Tune: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

## *O Holy Night*

Adam

O holy night the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our 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 world 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!

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11:00AM

## *In dulci jubilo*

Michael Praetorius

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

5:15PM

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us,  
and in the morning you will see his glory.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us; you who lead Joseph like a flock.

11:00AM

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;

his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,

and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. Willcocks

*Adéste fidéles, laéti triumphántes,  
Veníte, veníte in Béthlehem.  
Natum vidéte, Regem angelórum.  
Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus,  
veníte adorémus Dóminum.*

**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!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

Text: *Adeste fidelis*; John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.  
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES. Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade. C. 1711-1786.

GREETING

## PENITENTIAL ACT

*Priest:* Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**People: For we have sinned against you.**

*Priest:* Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**People: And grant us your salvation.**

*Priest:* May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People: Amen.**

## KYRIE

### *Lord, have mercy*

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three phrases, each marked 'Cantor, then all' above the staff. The first phrase is 'Lord, have mer - cy.' with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second phrase is 'Christ, have mer - cy.' with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third phrase is 'Lord, have mer - cy.' with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

Music: *Litany of the Saints*; adapt. by Richard Proulx,

# GLORIA

5:15PM & 9:00AM

## Glory to God

Batcho

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We  
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we  
give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, O  
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world,  
re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,  
have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - - men.

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11:00AM

# *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

arr. Latona

*Solo* *Assembly*

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Et in ter - ra pax  
ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.

*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.  
Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi  
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

Do-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-le - stis, De-us Pa-ter o - mni - po - tens.  
Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.

*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*

Qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.

*Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum.*

Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.*

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i  
Pa - - - tris. A - - - - men.

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## OPENING PRAYER

# LITURGY of the WORD

## FIRST READING

5:15PM

*Isaiah 62: 1-5*

9:00AM & 11:00AM

*Isaiah 52: 7-10*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

5:15PM

**PSALM 89**

*For ever I will sing*

Batcho

For ev - er I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

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I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:  
forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O Lord, they walk.  
At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

He shall say of me, "You are my father, my God, the rock, my savior."  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.

9:00AM & 11:00AM

**PSALM 98**     *All the Ends of the Earth*

Batcho



All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow - er of God.

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Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord.

SECOND READING

5:15PM

*Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25*

9:00AM & 11:00AM

*Hebrews 1: 1-6*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

Gelineau



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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5:15PM

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:  
the Savior of the world will reign over us.

9:00AM & 11:00AM

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord.  
For today great light has come upon the earth.

GOSPEL

5:15PM

*Matthew 1: 18-25*

9:00AM & 11:00AM

*John 1: 1-18*

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

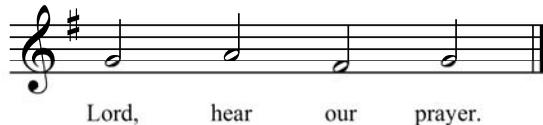
***[all kneel] and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER



## LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



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## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

5:15PM

*Hallelu*

Paulus

Down in a valley, sing hallelu!  
Mary had a baby, sing hallelu!  
What did she name him, sing hallelu!  
Named him Jesus, sing hallelu!

9:00AM

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
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11:00AM

*Hodie Christus Natus Est*

Gabrieli

<i>Hodie Christus natus est.</i>	Today Christ is born.
<i>Hodie salvator apparuit.</i>	Today the Savior has appeared.
<i>Hodie in terra canunt angeli.</i>	Today on earth the angels sing,
<i>Laetantur archangeli.</i>	and the archangels rejoice.
<i>Hodie exsultant justi dicentes:</i>	Today the righteous exult, saying:
<i>Gloria in excelsis deo.</i>	“Glory to God in the highest.
<i>Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis</i>	and on earth peace to people of good will.

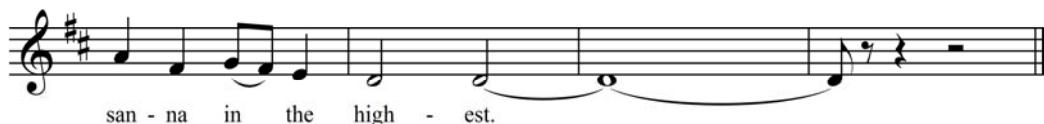
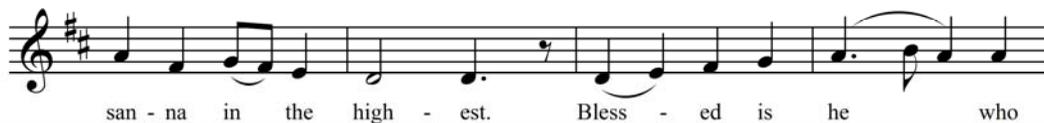
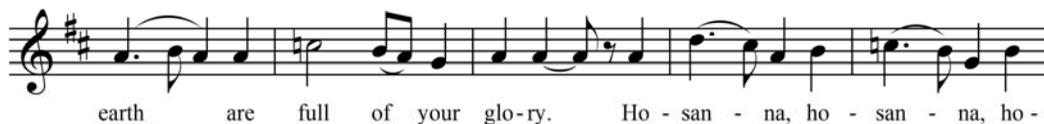
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

*Mass for the City*

Proulx



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Mass for the City*

Proulx



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-



claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

*Mass for the City*

Proulx



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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# RITE OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

5:15PM & 9:00AM

*Lamb of God*

Hughes

Repeat "have mercy on us" after the Cantor

11:00AM

*Messe de Minuit*

Charpentier

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem*

Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

*Please remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.  
When coming forward for communion, please bow your head as a  
gesture of reverence to our Lord in the consecrated bread and wine.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

5:15PM

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

11:00AM

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

COMMUNION

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

arr. Willcocks

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:**

***Refrain:* O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**In Bethlehem in Judah this blessed babe was born,  
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn,  
For which his mother Mary  
did nothing take in scorn. *Refrain***

**From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name. *Refrain***

**The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straight way  
this blessed babe to find. *Refrain***

**Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface. *Refrain***

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5:15PM

*How far is it to Bethlehem?*

arr. Willcocks

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.  
Shall we find the stable room Lit by a star?

Can we see the little child Is he within?  
If we lift the wooden latch May we go in?

May we stroke the creatures there Ox, ass, or sheep?  
May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?

If we touch his tiny hand Will he awake?  
Will he know we've come so far Just for his sake?

Great kings have precious gifts And we have naught  
Little smiles and little tears Are all we brought.

For all weary children Mary must weep  
Here, on his bed of straw Sleep, children, sleep.

God in his mother's arms Babes in the byre  
Sleep, as they sleep who find Their heart's desire.

11:00AM

*O Magnum Mysterium*

Antognini

*O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum  
ut animalia viderunt Dominum  
natum, jacentem in praesepe!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery,  
and wondrous sacrament  
that the animals should see the new-  
born Lord, lying in their manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear the  
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

5:15PM

PROCESSION TO THE CRËCHE

*Silent Night*

**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,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
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,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; Tr: John F. Young, 1820-1885.  
Tune: STILLE NACHT, Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.

# CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

HYMN

*Joy to the World*

*Antioch*

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n 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.**

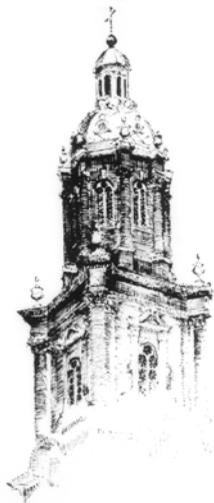
**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Tune: ANTIOCH, CM; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685-1759, in T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Adeste Fideles*

Peter Dickenson



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