



THE NATIVITY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST

SOLEMN MASS of MIDNIGHT

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



PRELUDE

Alleluia, Rejoice!

arr. Hughes

O come, O come Emanuel
Hodie Christus natus est:
And ransom captive Israel
Hodie Salvator apparuit:
that mourns in lonely exile here
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli
until the Son of God appear.

Hodie exsultant justi,
Rejoice, rejoice!

dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia.

Emanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel. Rejoice, rejoice.

Hodie, Christus natus est, Alleluia.

O come, O come Emanuel. Rejoice, rejoice!

(PLEASE STAND)

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

Candlelight Carol

Rutter

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?
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 Saviour,
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

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.

In dulci jubilo

Praetorius

Song of Mary

Friedell

Bring not a crown to wear, upon His head so fair,
He needs no gold upon His shining hair,
Place not a sceptre in His hands,
For This my babe no glory understands,
Nor shall He reign o'er earthly lands.
Bring not your incense sweet, to lay before His feet,
For thrones shall pass and kingly joys are fleet.
Greet not my babe in homage deep,
Let no praise break upon His sleep,
Like guarding angels, silence keep.
Bring Him your hearts alone, to God such gifts are known,
The poor and meek the Father calls His own,
Only your love and service bring,
At gifts so sweet the Heavens sing, O enter now and greet your King!

(PLEASE STAND)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

**Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

***Refrain:* Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God on earth is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain***

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
You have seen his morning star: *Refrain***

**Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his heav'nly throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down: *Refrain***

Text: Sts. 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; st. 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825
Tune: REGENT SQUARE; Henry Smart, 1813-1879

Et misericordia from *Magnificat*

K. A. Arneson

*Et misericordia
a progenie in progenies
timentibus eum.*

And his mercy [continues]
from generation to generation
for those who fear him.

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

**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.

ORDER of the MASS

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

The Christmas Martyrology

arr. Thompson

PROCESSION TO THE CRÈCHE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said unto me

Batcho

The Lord said unto me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.
Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
The Lord said unto me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Willcocks

*Adeste fidèles, laéti triumphântes,
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

Musical notation for the Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor, then all' and contains the melody for 'Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff is also labeled 'Cantor, then all' and contains the melody for 'Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff is labeled 'Cantor, then all' and contains the melody for 'Lord, have mer - cy.' Each staff has a double bar line with repeat dots at the end.

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GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo

arr. Latona

Musical notation for the Gloria. It consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff is labeled 'Solo' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' The second staff is labeled 'Assembly' and contains the melody for 'Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.' The notation includes a double bar line with repeat dots between the two staves.

*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

Isaiah 9: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 96 *Today Is Born Our Savior*

Batcho



To - day is born our Sav-ior, our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

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Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

SECOND READING

Titus 2: 11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Gelineau



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I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-14

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,**

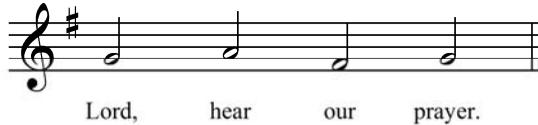
*[all kneel] and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

**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

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Gabrieli

Hodie Christus natus est.

Today Christ is born.

Hodie salvator apparuit.

Today the Savior has appeared.

Hodie in terra canunt angeli.

Today on earth the angels sing,
and the archangels rejoice.

Laetantur archangeli.

Hodie exsultant iusti dicentes:

Today the righteous exult, saying:

Gloria in excelsis deo.

“Glory to God in the highest.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

and on earth peace to people of good will.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

Mass for the City

Proulx



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est.

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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

Messe de minuit pour Noël

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 *In the splendor*

Batcho

In the splendor of the heavenly sanctuary, from the womb,
before the morning star, I have begotten you.

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.**

**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.***

English traditional carol arranged by David Willcocks

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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

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

Fantasy in A Major

J.S. Bach

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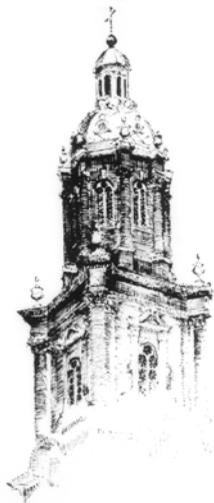
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