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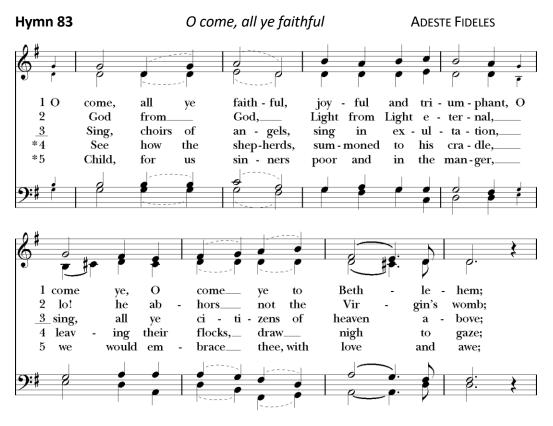


The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

Candlelight Festival Eucharist 5:00 pm and 10:30 pm **Christmas Carols Sing**

Organ Voluntary

The Word of God





Refrain

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 GREETING

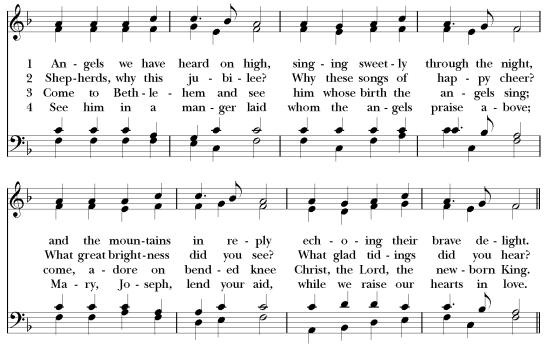
CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

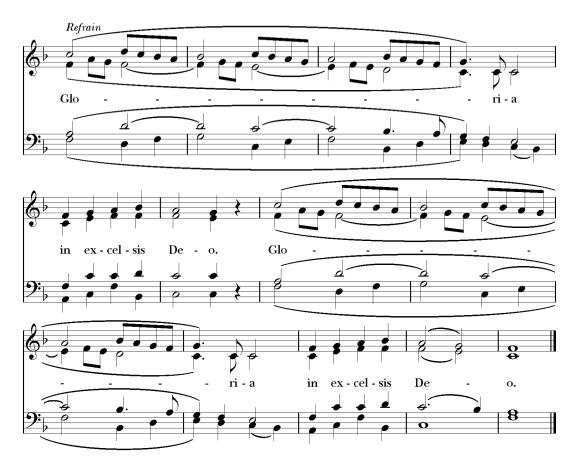
THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says		
Celebrant	I bring you good news of great joy:	
People	A Savior has been born to you. Alleluia!	
Celebrant	Unto us a child is born.	
People	Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia!	
Celebrant	He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!	
People	We worship and adore him. Alleluia!	

Hymn 96Angels we have heard on highGLORIA

Trebles sing stanza 2, basses sing stanza 3, all sing the refrain





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

THE LESSONS, the people sit.

First Lesson Early Service:

A Reading from the Book of 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 Mid'ian. 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.

Leader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

First Lesson Late Service:

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

[62: 6 - 12]

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

LeaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Song of Praise	This Day Our Christ Was Born	David Kidwell
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Second Lesson Early Service:

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

[2: 11 - 14]

For 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.

- *Leader* The Word of the Lord.
- People Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Late Service:

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

[3: 4 – 7]

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by

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the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

LeaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



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The Gospel Alleluia

The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited



The Holy Gospel

[Luke 2: (1-7), 8-20]

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory 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 Quirin'ius 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.

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Bishop Betsey Monnot

THE NICENE CREED, standing

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All stand or kneel as able for prayer. The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Holy Lord, in your wisdom you made the world and came to dwell among us. Hear your people as we pray, saying "Glory to God in the highest." We pray for your Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Betsey, our bishop; and for all clergy and people, that they may be a light shining in the darkness.

People Glory to God in the highest.

- *Leader* We pray that all who seek you may find welcome at our door.
- People Glory to God in the highest.
- *Leader* We pray for our country, and for those who lead us, that they may be filled with your wisdom and humility.
- People Glory to God in the highest.
- *Leader* We pray for those who live in fear, that your peace may fill their hearts.
- People Glory to God in the highest.
- Leader We pray for those who are hungry, homeless, or alone; that we may find grace to serve them in your name.
- People Glory to God in the highest.
- *Leader* We pray for the sick, that we may share your healing love with them.
- People Glory to God in the highest.
- Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Carol Flory, that we may share your comfort and love with those who mourn.

People Glory to God in the highest.

Leader Be born in our hearts, Lord Jesus, that we may be filled with the joy of your presence, and carry your love into the world around us.

People Glory to God in the highest.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God who has turned our darkness into a marvelous light, through the gift of your Son: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, that all may come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God, this night and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE	
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On-line Giving Options: Visit <u>cathedralchurchofstpaul.org</u> and click "Donate Now" or you can scan now. *Thank you*!

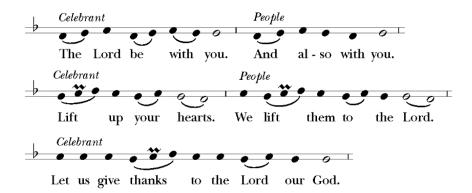


The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come Stephen Burtonwood

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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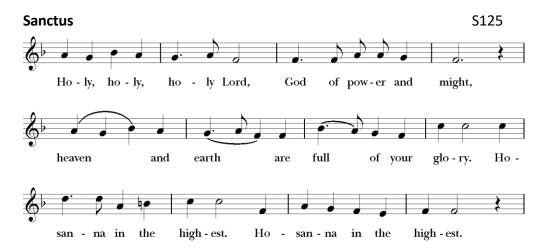


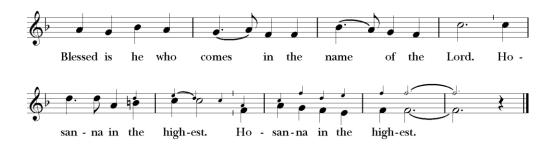
The Celebrant proceeds

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:





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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,

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

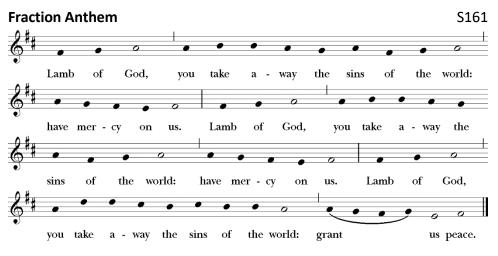


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

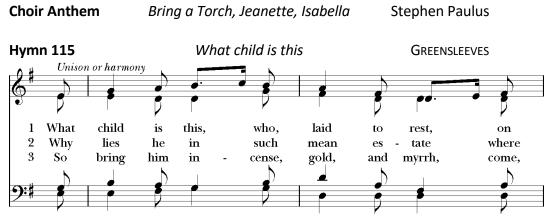
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated BreadCelebrant:Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.People;Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



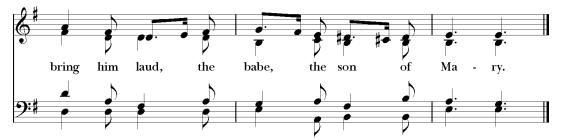
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail, at the side altar, or by remaining in your place. In either case you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

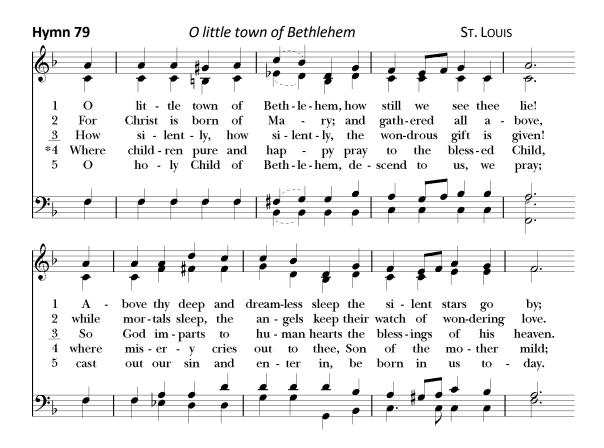
Communion Music

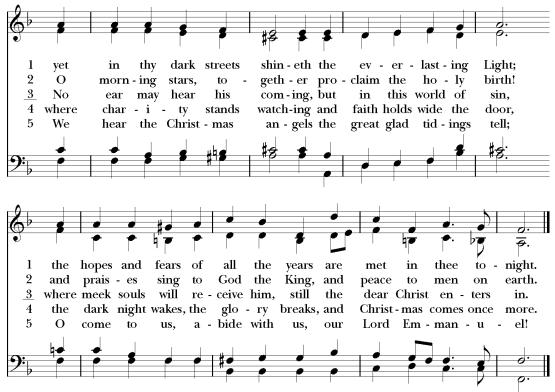






Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871





Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

When the distribution of Holy Communion is ended, and the Ministers have returned to the Altar, the lights are dimmed. All then remain seated to sing the following hymn



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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)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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 BLESSING

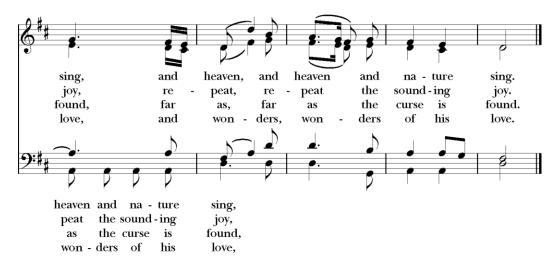
May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

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 upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DISMISSAL The Deacon dismisses the people. People Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Roy Brunner





Announcements for December 24, 2021

The Advent Wreath is given by Scott & Denise Linn, Marshall & Julie Linn, and Douglas & Barbara L. Hein in loving memory of Barbara N.& Marshall G. Linn

We welcome Ben Hoskins, tonight's Guest Carrilloneur

PLEASE NOTE: The Cathedral Office will be closed on Monday, December 27, Tuesday, December 28 and on Monday, January 3, 2022.

St Paul's offers Wednesday Eucharist at 12:05 pm every week in the Chapel.



We hope you will consider pledging to our Stewardship campaign. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the Narthex. If you received a pledge card in the mail, please be sure to mail it to the Cathedral. You can also place it in the plate. Thank you!

St. Paul's Sr. Men's Study Group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am, in the Guild Hall. For more information, please contact John McKinney: <u>i123mck@aol.com</u> or the cathedral Office <u>administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org</u>

Visitors

If you are visiting today, we extend to you a warm welcome! Please make yourself known to a greeter, usher, or one of the clergy. You may sit, kneel or stand throughout the service, following the guidance in this bulletin or as you prefer. The Episcopal church offers communion in two kinds, both consecrated bread and wine. While the coronavirus pandemic continues, bread alone is offered. We are so glad you are with us today. St. Paul's audio system includes the T-coil Hearing Loop. If you have questions or need assistance, please speak with one of our Audio Coordinators.



Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

(As	of December 23, 2021)
John McKinney and Family	In memory of The Rev. Jean McKinney
John & Susan Kerss	In memory of Solomon & Martha M. Masid and Marian & Albert Kerss,
Chuck & Nancy Seel	In memory of Charles & Betty Sawyer, Ray & Colleen Seel, and Richard and Barbara Consigli
John & Jan Doherty	In memory of Joe & Nia Doherty and Frank & Jean Cate
Alan & Katie Kaufman	In memory of Dr. George & Ginny Mastio and O. J. Kaufman
Carol Clay Hall	In memory of Ceola Clay
Mary Whisenand	In memory of Paul, Merlene & Charles Whisenand
Barbara Duro	
John Fletcher & Mark	
Thompsen	
Peggy Aerisolphal	In memory of my mother, Anita Hawes
R. Dean Bice	In memory of parents
Rick Williams, Nancy	In memory of Betty M. Williams, Marvin F.
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Williams Ayers	
John Zickefoose & Elvin	
McDonald	

Tonight's Liturgical Ministers

5:00 pm Eucharist:

Crucifer – Harold Alexander Thurifer – Phyllis Melton Torch Bearers – Ned & Eleanor Whipple 1st lesson – Martin Chevalier Cantor – Austin Rozendaal 2nd lesson – Scott Jeneary Video – Nate Thiessen Audio System – Mike Gillespie

10:00 pm Eucharist:

Crucifer – Catherine Gillespie 1st lesson – Diane Hayes Cantor – Austin Rozendaal 2nd lesson – Peggy Aerisolphal



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