

Christ Church Cathedral



The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Day

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**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY EUCHARIST**

VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *From heaven above to earth I come*

RITE II

The people stand at the procession

HYMN O come all ye faithful *Adeste Fideles*

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,

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O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God from God, Light of Light,
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, in the highest;

Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we, too, will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP. p. 355*)

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA Angels we have heard on high *Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?

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.

See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

COLLECT

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. Amen.

LESSON – Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song;*
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm*
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world*
and the peoples with equity.

EPISTLE – Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you’? Or again, ‘I will be his Father, and he will be my Son’? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, ‘Let all God’s angels worship him.’ Of the angels he says, ‘He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.’ But of the Son he says, ‘Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.’ And, ‘In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.’

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.

SERMON – The Reverend Canon Gene B. Manning

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

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 II (BCP, p. 385)

Please add your own petitions, aloud or silently

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

HYMN

Angels from the realms of glory

Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful things, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

SANCTUS

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 We remember his death,
and People 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 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*BCP, p. 364*) (*said by all*)

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

A period of silence is kept.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

New Plainsong

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive Communion.
Those who wish to receive the Laying on of Hands and Anointing
may proceed to the chapel after receiving Communion.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The hymn at the Communion is sung by all.

HYMN

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with
his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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

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.

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

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Joy to the World*



Gifts for music this Christmas have been given to the glory of God and

in celebration of the life of her goddaughters, Eden Grace Malloy and Lillian Foster Cannon,
by Tameron Hedge

in loving memory of their great grandmother, Anne Lowe, by Sarah, Owen, and Powell Lowe

in celebration of the joyful, creative and loving spirits of their children, Powell, Owen, and Sarah Lowe,
by Wendall and J. P. Lowe

in loving memory of Betty Dews Love, by Joe Giles

in honor of Michael Velting and Jon Johnson, in appreciation for fine music,
by Fletch and Bill Coke

in loving memory of Hal Durham, by Frances Durham and Laura Duncan

in honor of Owen Bennett, Lexi, Charlie, and Noah Deal, by their great-uncle, Jere Lane

in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen

in memory of John N. Lukens, Jr., by Cauley Lukens, Rachel, Gentry, and Luke Barden, and
by Rebecca and Jeff Newman

in memory of their fathers, Woodrow Harvil Hooper, and William John Smith,
by Art and Sandra Hooper

in memory of her mother, Kit Benson, by Martha Ivester

in memory of H. Lynn Swindle, by Carl Wall

with gratitude for their children and grandchildren: Lee Ann, Scott, Miranda and Colin Merrick; Amy, Jim, John
and Grace Leonard by Ann and Gerry Calhoun

in thanksgiving for Peter and Lois Fyfe, by Georgianna Russell

in thanksgiving for her family and friends, by Mary Arline Evans

in loving memory of Marlin Harris Jones and Dr. James M. Phythyon,
by Marlin and William Sanders

in loving memory of Ila and John Mellow and Garnet Mellow, by John and Shirley Lachs

in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Alex, Andy and Grace Emily Hudson, by Mike and Susan Hudson



Flowers for the chancel at Christmas have been given to the glory of God and

in honor of their children Mark, Beth, Andrew and Denise, by George and Mavis Allen

in memory of William W. Force, by Richard Force

in memory of Henry Hopton, by Amy Cudabac-Richardson

in celebration of the marriage of their son William Gray Noe to Margaret McNeel Nobel on October 29, 2011,
by Sharon and Bill Noe

in thanksgiving for the blessing of their children, William and Meg Noble and Harrison and Anita Noe,
by Sharon and Bill Noe

in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Christ Church Cathedral Flower Guild, by Sharon and Bill Noe

in memory of John Harold Hinman Jr., by Ken, Anna and Kenneth Hinman

in loving memory of his parents, Herman King Lane and Jessie Bradshaw Lane, by Jere Lane

in thanksgiving for Jack and his grandparents, Sandra and Ron Chane and Joetta and Paul Yarbro,
by Tyler and Jeff Yarbro

in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, and the Reverend and Mrs. John T. Younger,
by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Younger.

in honor of Wendall Lowe, the best Mom ever! by Sarah, Owen and Powell Lowe

in memory of the Reverend Eric Sutcliffe Greenwood, 22nd rector of Christ Church,
by Elaine and Robert Smith

in thanksgiving for the service to Christ Church Cathedral of Anne Bradley and Beverly and Sandy Sanders,
by Becky and Bill Rochford

in thanksgiving for many blessings and for the ministry of Canon Gene B. Manning,
by Wyeth and Ed Burgess and family

in honor of Jill Farringer Meese, by Pamela Price

in memory of J. William Stewart and S.M. Coleman, by Phillip Stewart and Sam Coleman

in loving memory of Frances N. Thomson, Mary, Steve and Ruth Schillig, and Neal O'Brien Jones,
by Marlin and William Sanders

in loving memory of their parents, Albert and Ruth Nagel Hance and the Rt. Reverend C. Brinkley Morton and Virginia
Roseborough Morton, and in thanksgiving for their children, Chad and Elizabeth Hance Miller and Santi and Anna Hance
Tefel, by Bill and Mary Hance

in memory of Larry R. Burchett, by his family

in memory of Emily Vandergriff, by Mike and Susan Hudson

in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Robb, by Mary-Grace Harvey and Charles Robb

in memory of Tips Brice, Sam Allison and Don Wayne Vantrease, by Ginna Foster Cannon

in memory of Reverend and Mrs. A. W. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, and Mrs. W. J. Chearis, and in grateful
thanksgiving for the life of Christopher Thomas Spears, by Sam W. Holden II

in memory of Henry Elliott Colton, Jr. by Marie W. Colton

in memory of John O. Jackson, David A. Lowe, and John W. Poindexter, by Roger Moore

in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren, by Katie and Tom Steele

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER
The Reverend Canon Gene B. Manning, *Sub Dean*

DEACON
The Reverend Dolores Nicholson, *Deacon*

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