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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY

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VOLUNTARY

The Snow lay on the ground

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

Of the Father's love begotten

Wilbur Held

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The people stand at the procession

CAROL

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;

*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 heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 355*)

COLLECT FOR PURITY

SONG OF PRAISE

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.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT 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

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| 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things. | 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song. |
| 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory. | 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. |
| 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations. | 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein. |
| 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. | 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. |
| 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. | 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. |

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Hebrews 1:1-4

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.

CAROL

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

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!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

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!

THE GOSPEL LESSON – 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 William Mostert

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

CAROL

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:

THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367*)

Sanctus

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 Lord's Prayer (*BCP, p. 364*)

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive 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 (*BCP, p. 365*)

BLESSING

CAROL

Joy to the world

Antioch

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

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.

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

DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)



SERMON NOTES:

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

in loving memory of her husband, Larry Burchett, by Sarah Burchett

in memory of her son, John Stritch Watkins, by Louise Watkins

for Jean, by Don Rogers

in thanksgiving for music, by George and Mavis Allen

in memory of Howard Lynn Swindle, by Carl Wall

in memory of Dr. Douglas MacArthur Russell, by his brother, Gene Russell

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

in appreciation for the outreach ministry of the Cathedral, by Fletch and Bill Coke

in memory of Robert Crittenden, by Carol, Catherine, and Beth Crittenden

in loving memory of their parents, Magda and Julius Lachs and Ila and John Mellow, by John and Shirley Lachs

in thanksgiving for their family, Frank, Lily, Jay, Alice, George, Owen, and Marshall, by Fred and Roberta LaBour

in loving memory of John B. Waterman, and in celebration of the birth of Rivers Waterman, by Varina and Jeffrey Buntin

in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Sanders, in recognition of their thoughtfulness and generosity supporting youth music programs, by the J.P. Lowe family

In honor of Becky Rochford and in appreciation of her loving dedication to Christian youth ministry and education at Christ Church Cathedral, by the J.P. Lowe family

by Thomas and Tara Steffen

in memory of Kit Benson, by her grandchildren, Lloyd, Audrey, and Opal Ivester

in loving memory of Thomas Daugherty Rayson, by Laura Lee, Bruce, Hannah, and Rob Dobie

in memory of Mary Ann Long, by Tom, Patti, and Campbell West

in memory of their parents, Bill and Willie Smith and Woodrow Harvil Hooper, by Art and Sandra Hooper

in loving memory of Frances Helton Patton and Nella Wood Helton, and in honor of Ann Patton, by Nancy Patton

in memory of George Murphy, by John and Kayla Hill, and Jack Hill and Sally Gentry

in memory of Ellen Kemp and in honor of George Kemp, by John and Beverly Meece

in honor of Miranda and Tim Buell, from Ann J. Cook Calhoun

in loving memory of her grandparents, Lowell and Virginia Hill, by Tameron Hedge

in loving memory of Cathy and Darrell Hirt, and with gratitude for our many years of friendship, by Dianne Green

in honor of Betty and Andy Grimes, from Tom, Anna, Mary Frances, Joe and Ted Noser

in thanksgiving for Dr. Michael Velting, Michael Gebhart, and the Cathedral Choristers, by Matt and Christina Isbell

in memory of his uncle, Harold Taffee Boswell, by Hal Johnson

with gratitude for many blessings, especially the Christ Church Cathedral community: clergy, musicians, staff, and friends, by Wyeth and Ed Burgess.



The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and

in honor of the current Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Formation Class: Luke Benfield, Sarah Rochford Benfield, Meredith Flynn, Julie Fritz, Adam Hutson, Adria Lambert, Mary McCarthy, Emily Hansen McMakin, Heather Morris, Meg Nichols, Caitlin Redd, Mary Ward, and Gina Williams by Rachel Barden, Chris Hansen, Becky Rochford, and Beverly Sanders

in loving memory of her parents, Jack and Mary Margaret Farringer, by Jill Farringer Meese

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

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

in memory of her husband, Earl Watkins, by Louise Watkins

in loving memory of her son, Stephen Burchett, by Sarah Burchett

in thanksgiving for Jack's grandparents, Ron and Sandra Chance and Paul and Joetta Yarbro, by Jeff, Tyler, and Jack Yarbro

in memory of Ralph Fitzgerald, by Mike and Pat Fitzgerald

in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McNeilly, by Bob McNeilly

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

in loving memory of Elizabeth James who is such a special part of our most cherished family memories, by the Jeffrey Buntins

in honor of Gene Manning, in appreciation for her loving kindness and comforting spirit, by the J.P. Lowe family

in celebration of Sarah, Owen, and Powell Lowe in recognition of the immense joy and love they bring into our family and carry into the world, by Wendall and J.P. Lowe

in thanksgiving for Luke, Rebecca, Jeff, and Caroline, by Rachel and Gentry Barden

in loving memory of Sally Ann Schenker by her children: Julie, Steven, David, Andrew, and Jenny, and their families

in everlasting memory of the Reverend Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Holden, Judge and Mrs. Sam Holden, Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Edmonds III, Colonel and Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Judge and Mrs. John L. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cartwright, Mrs. Martha Ayres Cheairs, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holden IV, and Timothy A. Holden, by Sam W. Holden II

in memory of Hal's twin brother, Reid Boswell Johnson, and in thanksgiving for Hal's mother Joyce, their daughter Chowning and her husband Martin, their son Wells and his wife Emily, and their grandchildren, Madelyn, Griffin, Reese, and Jack, by Dona and Hal Johnson

in honor of John A. Coleman, by Thomas Coleman, Jr. and Eileen Murphy

in honor of Ann and Gerry Calhoun, by their daughters, Lee Ann and Amy

in thanksgiving for the Cathedral clergy and seminarians, by Bob Allen



CELEBRANT AND PREACHER

The Reverend Canon William Mostert, *Visiting Priest-in-Residence (The Diocese of Cape Town)*

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The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

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