

Christmas Eve

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Festival Choral Eucharist at Eleven O'Clock

December 24, 2019

325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

Prelude at 10:30 pm

Fantasia on "Vom Himmel Hoch, da komm' ich her" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Chorale Prelude on "Resonet in Laudibus" op. 106, no. 3 Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Prelude on "The Sussex Carol" Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)

Chorale Prelude on "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Rector's Welcome The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Kyrie The Combined Choirs

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Music: from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

Fantasia on "Greensleeves" Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Sleep of the Infant Jesus Henri Büsser (1872–1973)

This sublimely beautiful work for violin, harp, and organ, composed by the late Romantic French composer Henri Büsser in 1896, has been offered at St. Bartholomew's Church each Christmastide for over 100 years.

Festival Eucharist at 11 pm

Fanfare and Hymn at the Procession



Refrain

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The people sit.

Gloria in excelsis The Combined Choirs

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi

miserere nobis,

qui tollis peccata mundi

suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spiritu

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Music: from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

The people stand.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us,

you take away the sin of the world;

receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.

All Amen.

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 (King James Version)

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

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

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three? Our Saviour, Christ, and His Lady.

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three? O, they sailed into Bethlehem.

And all the bells on earth shall ring, And all the angels in Heaven shall sing.

And all the souls on earth shall sing, Then let us all rejoice amain.

Words: English traditional. Music: English traditional, arr. Simon Preston (b. 1938).

The Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14 (King James Version)

Reader A reading from the Letter to Titus.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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

The people stand.



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

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20 (King James Version)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

Sermon The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

The people stand with the presider.

The Nicene Creed

All We be

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

Intercessor God of wonder, on this sacred night you become one of us. Startle us with your good news,

and be born in our hearts, we pray.

Silence is kept.

Intercessor Prince of Peace, you disarm the forces of violence. End all war and hatred, and unite every

people and nation.

God of wonder,

People be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Child of the Stable, you appear among the poor and the excluded. Reveal yourself to us in the

forgotten and the dismissed.

God of wonder.

People be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Word made Flesh, you sanctify our bodies with your presence. Teach us to treat all human

bodies with care and respect.

God of wonder,

People be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Vulnerable Savior, you know what it means to suffer and be in need. Comfort those who yearn

for your healing. God of wonder,

People be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Delight of the Angels, you travel the distance between heaven and earth. Bring all who have

died to the glories of your eternal home.

God of wonder,

People be born in our hearts, we pray.

Silence is kept.

Presider God of wonder, you arrive in our lives in ways we can neither anticipate nor fully understand:

may we so marvel at the mystery of your Incarnation that we neither reject it without thinking nor accept it without being transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ, whose birth changes

everything.

People Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Carol at the Offertory The Combined Choirs

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring. News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad, When from our sin he set us free,

All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace, Then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night: Glory to God and peace to men

Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore, Amen!

Words: English traditional. Music: Sussex Carol, English traditional, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015).

The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn at the Presentation we have heard on high, An - gels sing - ing sweet - ly through the night, 2 Shep-herds, why this hap - py cheer? an - gels sing; ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove; and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light. What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear? come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. Refrain Glo ri - a in ex - cel - sis De Glo in ex-cel-sis De ri - a o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider
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And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus The Combined Choirs

Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

Presider

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,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

Presider

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.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sav. Αll

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 Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit.

Agnus Dei The Combined Choirs

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

dona nobis pacem. give us peace.

Music: from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

At the Communion

• All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. An usher will direct you to the nearest communion station. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to quide it). If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply ask the priest when the bread is offered to you.

- · If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.
- If you wish to receive but are unable to come to the altar, let your usher know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum. iacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia. O great mystery and wondrous thing, that the animals behold the new-born Lord lying in a manger. O Blessed Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Words: Fourth Responsory at Matins on Christmas Day. Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611).

Hymn at the Communion



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

The Prayer after Communion

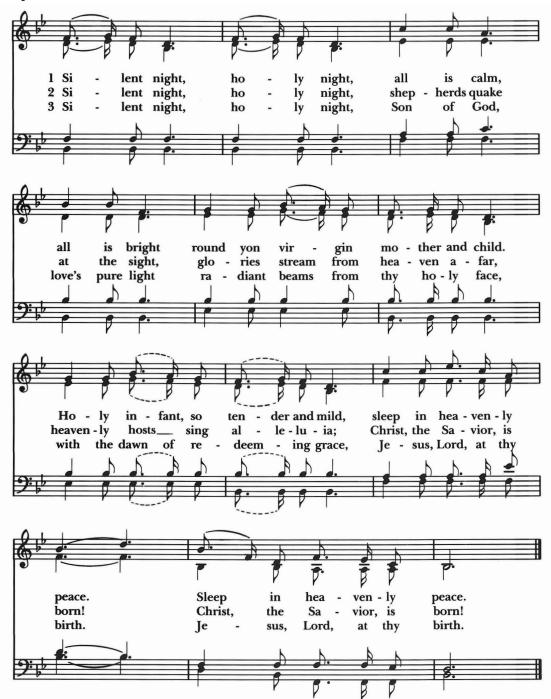
Presider

Let us pray.

All

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.

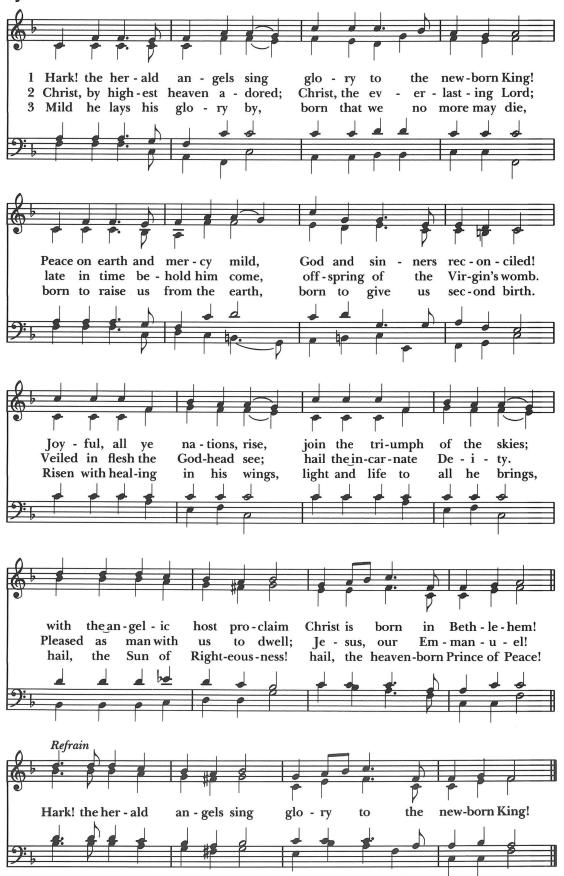
Hymn



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).

The Blessing

Hymn at the Procession



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Organ "Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella" Keith Chapman (1945–1989)

Service Participants

Preacher and Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Deacon The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders

Subdeacon The Reverend John F. Wirenius

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Deborah A. Lee, The Reverend Susan Anderson-Smith,

The Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman, The Reverend Peter Thompson

Vergers Joe Bessey, Sarah Bessey **Lectors** Ron Bagden, Barry Phillips

Intercessor Mary-Hart Bartley

Acolytes Bill Hawthorne, Adelaide Kent, Wendy Range, Daniel Rios, Laurie Rios

Thurifer Tim Martin

Eucharistic Ministers Bill Hawthorne, Adelaide Kent, Tim Martin, Wendy Range, Laurie Rios

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Miriam Schneider

Ushers Mary Abraham, Ron Bagden, Richard Bell, Holly Bellows, Steve Dohnalek, William Fulton, John Gilliland, Ray Glynn, David Hilder, Doug Jones, Mark Lugo, Sam Meyer, Elaine Olaoye, David Price, Steve Sakson, Elena Seha, Jeffrey Smith, Paul Tollefson, Susanne Vorster, Robin Woodward

Musicians Paolo Bordignon, Dent Davidson, Clara Gerdes

Curator of the Organs Foley~Baker, Inc.

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Soprano: Rachel Farrar, Olivia Greene, Aine Hakamatsuka, Miriam Chaudoir, Kate Knowles

Alto: Wendy Gilles, Kathleen Hayes, Gwyneth Leech

Tenor: David Bryan, Christopher Carter+, Napat Mingkwanyuen, Joseph Rubinstein

Bass: Raphael Biran, Jeff Morrissey, Christian Smythe, Robert Sweeney*, Brendan Littlefield, David Wilson

*Guest singer +Choir Marshall

St. Bart's Singers

Soprano: Kit Basquin, Bernadette Chapman, Olivia Greene*, Sarah Kerner, Julia Knight,

Siobhan Kolker, Ann Mugavero

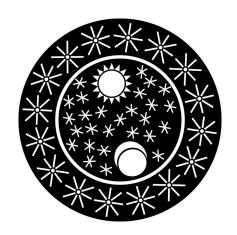
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Erin Salvatore, Barbara Stetson

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*Section Leader +Choir Marshall

Instrumentalists Karl Kawahara, violin; Frances Duffy, harp



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