

Christmas Day The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Festival Choral Eucharist at Eleven O'Clock

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325 PARK AVENUE AT 51ST STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022 The Rector's Welcome The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Fanfare and Hymn at the Procession



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.

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Opening Acclamation

PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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 St. Bartholomew's Choir

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. 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.

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

The people stand.

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

Presider People	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray. 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.
All	Amen.

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

Ding, dong! Merrily on high In heav'n the bells are ringing. Ding, dong! Verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below Let steeple bells be swungen. And i-o, i-o, i-o By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers! May ye beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Words: George Radcliffe Woodward (1848-1934). Music: traditional French carol, harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926).

The Second Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand.

Hymn



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

The Holy Gospel John 1:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon 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. 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.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

Sermon The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders, Vicar

The people stand with the presider.

The Nicene Creed

- All
 - 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 day 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.

	People	God of wonder, 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.
	People	God of wonder, 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.
	People	God of wonder, 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.
	People	God of wonder, 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.
	People	God of wonder, be born in our hearts, we pray.
Silence is kept.		pt.
	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

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today: Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today!

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas day, To save us all from woe and sin, When we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry, This blessed Babe was born, And laid within a manger, Upon that holy morn; The which his mother, Mary, Did nothing take in scorn. O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath oped the heav'nly door, And man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this!

Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly, Let your songs of gladness ring; In a stable lies the Holy, In a manger rests the King; See, in Mary's arms reposing, Christ by highest heav'n adored; Come, your circle round him closing, Pious hearts that love the Lord.

The first Nowell the angels did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel. Come, ye poor, no pomp of station Robes the child your hearts adore: He, the Lord of all salvation, Shares your want, is weak and poor: Oxen, round about behold them; Rafters naked, cold and bare, See the shepherds, God has told them That the Prince of Life lies there.

Come, ye children, blithe and merry, This one child your model make; Christmas holly, leaf and berry, All be prized for his dear sake; Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender, Come, ye spirits, keen and bold; All in all your homage render, Weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining, And the Wisemen haste from far: Come, glad hearts, and spirits pining: For you all has risen the star. Let us bring our poor oblations, Thanks and love and faith and praise: Come, ye people, come, ye nations, All in all draw nigh to gaze.

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. O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one, and calls you all, To gain his everlasting hall: Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), Archer Thompson Gurney (1820-1887), and English traditional. Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934), from traditional carol melodies. The people stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn at the Presentation



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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.	heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis.	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 say,

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 Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

PresiderAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore 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 St. Bartholomew's Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:	
miserere nobis.	

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, 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 guide 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.

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol, for to sing The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honor to this day, That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, Thus, on the sudden? Come and see The cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth Gives life and luster, public mirth, To heaven, and the under-earth.

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674). Music: John Rutter (b. 1945).

We see him come, and know him ours, Who, with his sunshine and his showers, Turns all the patient ground to flowers. The darling of the world is come, And fit it is, we find a room To welcome him. The nobler part Of all the house here, is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath This holly, and this ivy wreath, To do him honour, who's our King, And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring, Than a carol for to sing The birth of this our heavenly King?

Hymn at the Communion



Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: Cranham, Gustav Holst (1874-1934).

Hymn at the Communion



The Prayer after Communion

Presider 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

All

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 Postlude on "Mendelssohn," David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Service Participants

Presider The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe **Preacher** The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders **Deacon** The Reverend Deborah A. Lee **Subdeacon** The Reverend Peter Thompson

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Intercessor Molly O'Neil
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Altar Guild Cynthia Brush, Sarah Bessey
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St. Bartholomew's Choir

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