

Christmas Eve The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Festival Choral Eucharist at Seven O'Clock

December 24, 2019

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

Prelude at 6:30 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

The Angels' Carol St. Bart's Choristers

Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here? Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night. He is come in joy, like the sun at morning, filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary. In a simple stable, we have seen his birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing "Peace on earth."

He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above. He will bring new hope to the waiting nations when he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming. Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing, "Christ is born."

Words and music: The Angels' Carol, John Rutter (b. 1945).

Kyrie The Combined Choirs

Kyrie eleison,	Lord have mercy,
Christe eleison,	Christ have mercy,
Kyrie eleison.	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 7 pm

Fanfare and Hymn at the Procession



The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen. People

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 and St. Bart's Singers

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax	Glory to God in the highest,
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.	and peace to his people on earth.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,	We praise you, we bless you,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.	we worship you, we glorify you,
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	we give thanks to you for your great glory,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.	only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,	Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
qui tollis peccata mundi	you take away the sin of the world;
miserere nobis,	have mercy on us,
qui tollis peccata mundi	you take away the sin of the world;
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	receive our prayer.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.	For you alone are the Holy One,
Tu solus Dominus.	you alone are the Lord,
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,	you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
cum Sancto Spiritu	with the Holy Spirit,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	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	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider All	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 people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 Midian. 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks 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

Reader A reading from the Letter to Titus.

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.

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 Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be Deacon registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius 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.

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 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.

People	God of wonder, be born in our hearts, we pray.
	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.	
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 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, 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.



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 and St. Bart's Singers

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 and St. Bart's Singers

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

Motet St. Bartholomew's Choir

O magnum mysterium,	O great
et admirabile sacramentum,	and wo
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,	that the
iacentem in praesepio.	Lord lyi
O beata Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt	O Bless
portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.	was wo

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).

Hymn at the Communion It the mid night clear, that came up on 1 2 Still through the clov skies they come with en 3 Yet strife the with the woes of sin and 4 For lo! the days haste ning by are on, glo from rious song of old, an gels bend - ing peace ful wings un furled, and still their heaven - ly heaven - ly world has suf fered long; be the neath pro phets seen old, when with the ev er of gold: earth harps near the to touch their of mu sic floats o'er all the wea world; ry wrong; hymn have rolled thou of two sand years told, cir cling years shall the time fore come good "Peace on the earth, will to men, from they а bove its sad and low ly plains the and hears war ring hu man kind not peace its when shall ver all the earth 0 heaven's all -King." The cious in sol emn gra world bend on hov ering wing, and ev er o'er its tid ings which they bring; 0 hush the noise and an cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give still - ness lay to hear the an gels sing. Ba bel - sounds the bless \mathbf{ed} sing. gels an cease your strife and the gels sing! hear an sing. back the song which now the an gels

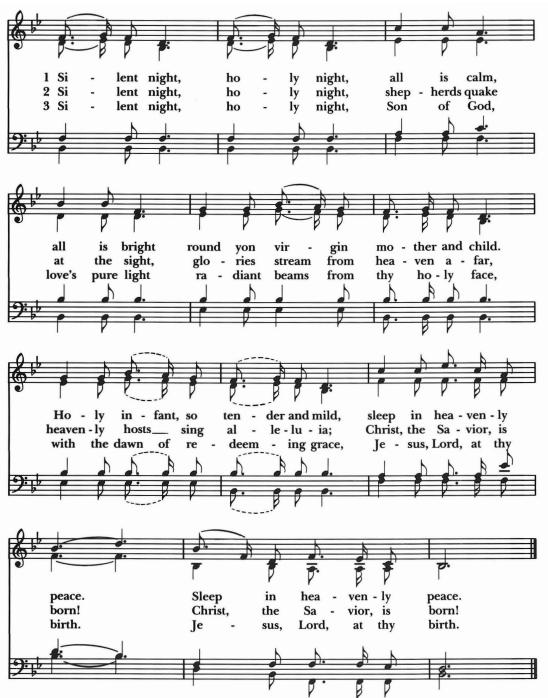
Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

The Prayer after Communion

PresiderLet us pray.AllEternal God

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.

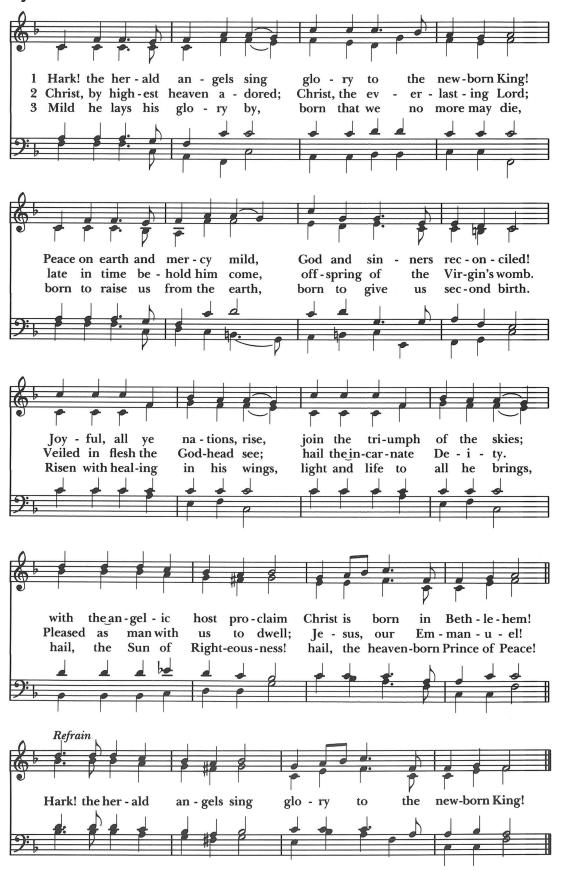
Hymn



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

DeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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 Mary Abraham, William Fulton Intercessor Steve Sakson Acolytes Bill Hawthorne, Adelaide Kent, Tim Martin, Wendy Range, Daniel Rios, Laurie Rios Eucharistic Ministers Karen Gutheil, Bill Hawthorne, Adelaide Kent, Tim Martin, Wendy Range, Laurie Rios

Altar Guild Mary-Hart Bartley, Luke Failla

Ushers Mary Abraham, Mary-Hart Bartley, Holly Bellows, Christian Burke, Marianthe Colakis, Steve Dohnalek, Dorla Enriquez, William Fulton, John Gilliland, Robert Gutheil, Mary Robin Jurkiewicz, Bob Kiely, Eric Leach, Tracy McGarry, Judy Miller, David Price, Pavan Sahgal, Mateo Pospihalj, Steve Sakson, Diana Sarbu, Anne Swartz, Monica Tanjala, Paul Tollefson, Christine VanBree, Robin Woodward

Musicians Paolo Bordignon, Dent Davidson, Clara Gerdes **Curator of the Organs** Foley~Baker, Inc.

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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 Alto: Kris Boston, Wendy Gilles^{*}, Karenanne Johnson, Shauna Leeks, Chelsey Masterson, Erin Salvatore, Barbara Stetson Tenor: Chris Carter^{*+}, Troy Griffin, Michael Horton, Shannon Wicks Bass: Steve Hughes, Jeff Morrissey^{*}, Bill Rowe, Paul Theerman *Section Leader +Choir Marshall

Instrumentalists Karl Kawahara, violin; Frances Duffy, harp

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