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CHURCH

A Sacred Place for All People



CHRISTMAS DAY 2023

10:00 AM EUCHARIST AND CAROLS

THE MISSION OF TRINITY CATHEDRAL IS TO PROCLAIM IN WORD
AND ACTION GOD'S JUSTICE, LOVE AND MERCY FOR ALL CREATION.

This Christmas, the offerings at all Christmas services will benefit those in need who live just outside our doors. For example, Trinity's Urban Farm helps feed the hungry in the Central neighborhood with fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. A Place at the Table serves a hot, nutritious lunch to our neighbors who need it. The Marion-Sterling partnership provides warm clothing, Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas gifts to students in need in our own neighborhood. Through the our Mission Teams, we advocate for and provide assistance to those in our immediate neighborhood.

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PRELUDE Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arr. Douglas Court
David Duro, trumpet

HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

*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, Christ the Lord.

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!*

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,

born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

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

Presider The word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People **O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

A COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. Amen.

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.

*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.

THE COLLECT

Presider God be with you.

People **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. **Amen.**

THE FIRST 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated for the hymn.

HYMN Lo, how a rose e’er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse’s lineage coming as seers of old have sung.

*It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

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 has 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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 forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN “Hark! the herald angels sing”

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”*

*Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”*

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born 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 th’incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.*

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King!”

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN “Hark! the herald angels sing”

MENDELSSOHN

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

*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.*

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King!”

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

Presider Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Saving God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to meet the Christ-child;
draw to you all your people that we might see you face-to-face.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Incarnate God, you filled Mary with your Holy Spirit; fill us with your presence and renew within your bishops, priests, deacons, and laypersons a spirit of service to those who are poor, in need, and made in your likeness.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Wondrous God, people of faith and curiosity streamed to Jesus' light and brightness of his rising star; draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to the brightness of your Christ.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, just as angels sang to you and proclaimed peace on earth and among all peoples; bring us your peace, and with it an end to all terror and strife.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as shepherds were drawn to your light and away from their flocks by night; draw all who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Humble God, as Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn; be especially present with those who have no home to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and hungry.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Parent God, as the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of this diocese, and protect all those who travel.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of life eternal; give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them.

By your saving grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Presider God of Light and Hope, by the power of your Son's incarnation reassure our hearts this Christmastide, reminding us that you are with us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Christmas Offering is taken up during the hymn, and is designated for Trinity’s hunger and outreach ministries.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY O little town of Bethlehem

arr. Douglas Court
David Duro, trumpet

PRESENTATION HYMN “Joy to the world”

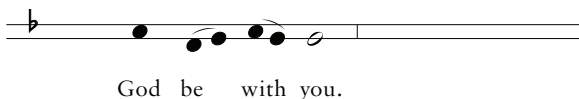
*Joy to the world! the Lord is come, let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.*

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

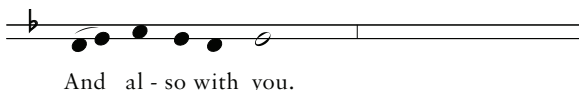
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Enriching our Worship, Prayer 2

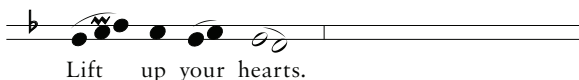
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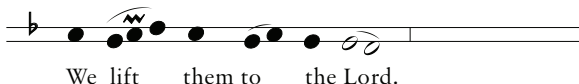
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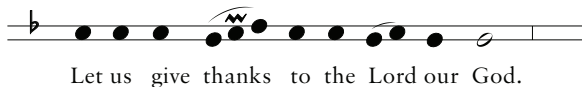
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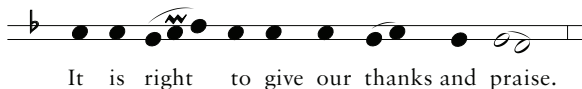
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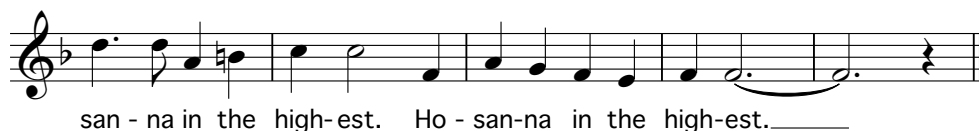
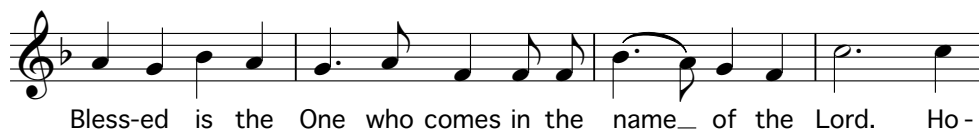
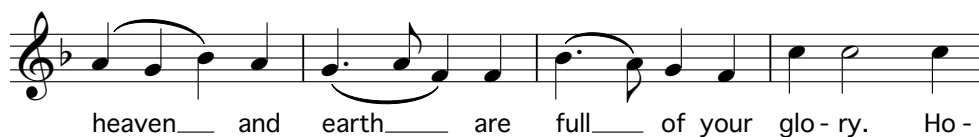
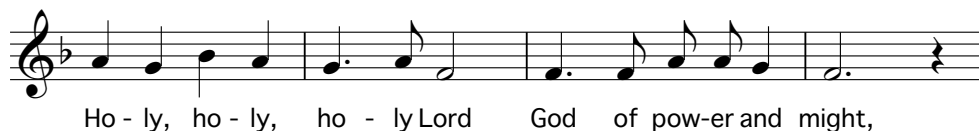


People



Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and time again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is the Blood of the new Covenant, which poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are invited to come forward for Communion or a blessing. Bread and wine are both offered, though drinking from the common cup is not required. If you choose to receive wine, please refrain from intinction (dipping bread in the wine) at this time. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it.

COMMUNION MUSIC “What Child is This?”

arr. Stephen Bulla

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the One who creates and restores everything that is, the One who is Mary's child and child of God, the One who is the Holy Spirit, May this Holy One bring you compassion and peace, and bless your lives with joy. *Amen.*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach

Christmas Flowers
Honors and Remembrances



Given by George Barnum, in memory of Timothy Robson

Given by Rob Bauer, in memory of David & Jeanne Bauer

Given by Paul and Susan Bunner, in memory of Paul Richard Hunt

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Given by Dale Murphy, Tim Murphy, & Holly Csorba, in memory of Beverly Jones & Gene Murphy

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SERVICES AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL

SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist (Chapel)
9:00 a.m. Abundant Table Service *
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist *
5 p.m. Solemn Sung Eucharist *
(First Sunday Oct-May)

WEDNESDAYS (FEB-MAY)

12 p.m. Brownbag Concert *
(alternating Wednesdays -
see M&A website for details)
6 p.m. Choral Evensong *

THURSDAYS

12:10 p.m. Healing Service

* Livestreamed Service

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The Flowers on the Altar are offered to the glory of God in loving memory of Sarah Keys Scott, Newell Castle Bolton, William Weston Park, Helen Newell Garfield.

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