



Christmas 2023

*Christmas Eve
at eleven o'clock in the evening*

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023
eleven o'clock in the evening
with incense



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the cards found in the pew rack.

The Festival Celebration of the Eucharist on Christmas Eve

Prelude at half past ten o'clock in the evening
Cathedral Choir, Organ, Flutes, and Strings

Carol Prelude on *The Holly and the Ivy*

Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

ANTHEM

Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

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 Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
yonder shines the Infant birth:

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:

—James Montgomery (1771–1854)

ANTHEM

John Rutter (b.1945)

Born in a stable so bare,
born so long ago;
Born 'neath light of star
he who loved us so.

Cradled by mother so fair,
tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear
angel hosts fill the sky.

Far away silent he lay,
born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye,
born on Christmas Day.

Wise men from distant far land,
shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare,
hearts with his warmth he fills.

Love in that stable was born
into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe,
make me thy love to know.

—John Rutter

He is Born the Divine Christ-Child

Traditional French carol
arr. Steve Laven

ANTHEM

Robert S. Cohen (b.1945)

Sleep, little baby sleep;
The holy Angels love thee,
And guard thy bed, and keep
A blessed watch above thee.

No spirit can come near
Nor evil beast to harm thee:
Sleep, Sweet, devoid of fear
Where nothing need alarm thee.

The Love which doth not sleep,
The eternal Arms surround thee:
The Shepherd of the sheep
In perfect love hath found thee.

Sleep through the holy night,
Christ-kept from snare and sorrow,
Until thou wake to light
And love and warmth tomorrow

—Christina Georgina Rosetti (1830–1894)

ANTHEM

Ian Higginson (b.1959)

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the infant, with virgin honor pure.

Now let the hymn resound, to God on high be glory and peace on earth abound!

The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high:
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.

While thus they sing your monarch, those bright angelic bands;
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains! Ye oceans, clap your hands!

Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored,
The infant born in Bethlehem, the Savior and the Lord!

— Greek, St. Germanus (634–c.733); trans. J.M. Neale

Carol Prelude on *Greensleeves*

Richard Purvis (1913–1994)



THE MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE IS OFFERED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KATHARINE RANDALL SCHWEPPE AND HER MOTHER,
LAURA RANDALL SCHWEPPE; THE GIFT OF THEIR FAMILY.

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

eleven o'clock in the evening

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*
Celebrant

The people stand for the Procession.

HYMN 83

Adeste fideles

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| 1 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. | 4 See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord. |
| 2 God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten
Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord. | 5 Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee,
With love and awe;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord. |
| 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God,
Glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord. | 6 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. |

— *John Francis Wade (1711–1786)*

The Word of God

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People **And we beheld his glory. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Marc-Antonie Charpentier (1634–1707)

Messe de Minuit pour Noël

Michelle Girardot and Emily Schuck, sopranos; Sean Stultz and Justin Shen, tenors; John Gallagher, bass

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2–7

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.**

PSALM 96:1–4, 11–12

setting: Robert L. Simpson, 1990

The antiphon is sung first by the cantor and repeated by the People and Choir. It is then sung as indicated in the Psalm text.



Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. *Antiphon*

Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.



For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.

Antiphon

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Antiphon

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

Antiphon

Kirstie McCallum and Joel Goodloe, cantors

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11–14

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 for the hymn and gospel.

HYMN 79

St. Louis

- 1 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.
- 2 How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- 3 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!

ALLELUIA

Tone II



V. **Alleluia.** Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy;

R. To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1–20

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people stand.

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

The Leader and People pray responsively, standing.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The coming of the Son of God was heralded by the angels' song "Peace on earth, good will toward men": let us pray for the peace of the world, for an end to war, and for justice to reign among the peoples of the earth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

A star rose in the east to proclaim the coming of Christ to all nations and peoples: we pray for all his holy catholic Church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops, and for all who serve God's Church, for the mission of the Church throughout the world and in our own community, and for the salvation of all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Kings came with offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: we pray for the leaders of the world, for those in positions of public trust, and for all who serve the common good.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Poor shepherds were the first to hear of the Savior's birth: we pray for the renewal of the earth and all its creatures, for wise and just use of its resources, for those without homes or without work, and all who are in need.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Holy Family found shelter only in a stable, and the Son of God had only a manger for his cradle: remember, O Lord, the sick and those in the hospital or in any kind of trouble, and all who are alone.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Son of God received the first gift of human love from Mary his mother: we thank you for our families, friends, and all those we love; and we pray that they may live in peace, health, and safety.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord Jesus came to proclaim the good news of repentance and forgiveness: let us pray now for the grace of his Holy Spirit to change our hearts, and for God's gift of love, mercy, and forgiveness of all our sins.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Eternal Word of God was born in human flesh, to bring the gospel of hope and life to light: let us pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ and for all the departed, that they may rest in the hope of the resurrection and life eternal.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing with the angels and archangels, with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, and with all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. The people then sit for brief announcements.

The Holy Communion

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Marc-Antonie Charpentier

Surgamus, festinemus, eamus usque Bethlehem. Properemus, eamus usque Bethlehem. Ibi videbimus puerum qui natus est nobis. Ibi laudabimus et adorabimus Deum sub forma peccatoris velatum. Quid moramur, quid cunctamur, O pastores inertes ?

Arise now, let us hasten to go unto Bethlehem. There we shall see the Child who is born to us. There we shall offer praise and there adore Him, God now in the form of sinner lowly disguised. Why then linger, why then tarry, O ye shepherds so drowsy?

—Luke 2:15–16

from “In Nativitatem Domini Nostri Jesu Christi Canticum”

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

People

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Marc-Antonie Charpentier

Messe de Minuit pour Noël

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and

be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

AGNUS DEI

Messe de Minuit pour Noël

Marc-Antonie Charpentier

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Ô toute belle Vierge Marie,
Votre âme trouve en Dieu le parfait
amour
Il vous revêt du manteau de la Grâce
comme une fiancée paré de ses bijoux.
Alléluia, alléluia. Je vais chanter
ta louange, Seigneur,
Car tu as pris soin de moi,
Car tu m'as enveloppé
du voile de l'innocence,
Car tu m'as faite avant le jour,
Car tu m'as fait précéder
le jaillissement des sources.
Vous êtes né avant les collines
Ô sagesse de Dieu, porte du Salut
Heureux celui qui marche dans vos traces
Qui apprête son cœur à la voix de vos
conseils.

Avant les astres vous étiez présente
Mère du Créateur au profond
du ciel.
Quand Dieu fixait les limites
du monde
Vous partagiez son cœur
étant à l'œuvre avec lui.

Pierre Villette (1926–1998)

*O fairest Virgin Mary,
Your soul finds in the Lord
perfect love;
He clothes you in robes of grace
Like a bride attired with jewels.
Alleluia. I will sing thy praise,
O Lord, For thou hast looked after me,
and covered me with the veil of innocence.
You were born before the hills,
O wisdom of the Lord,
Gate of Redemption,
Blessed be he who walks in your steps
And tunes his heart To the counsels of
your voice. Alleluia.
I will sing thy praise, O Lord,
For thou hast made me, before dawn,
For thou has made me precede the
Gushing forth of springs.
Before the stars you were there,
Mother of the Creator,
In the highest Heaven;
When God was setting the limits of the
world
you shared his love As you laboured
with him.*

—Roland Bouhéret (1930–1995)

Anthem

Quelle est cette odeur agréable,
Bergers, qui ravit tous nos sens ?
S'exhale-t-il rien de semblable
Au milieu des fleurs du printemps ?
Mais quelle éclatante lumière
Dans la nuit vient frapper nos yeux
L'astre de jour, dans sa carrière,
Fut-il jamais si radieux!

French traditional carol
arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

*Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away?
Never the like did come a-blowing,
Shepherds, from flow'ry fields in May.
What is that light so brilliant breaking
Here in the night across our eyes?
Never so bright the day-star waking
Started to climb the morning skies.*

A Bethléem, dans une crèche
Il vient de vous naître un Sauveur
Allons, que rien ne vous empêche
D'adorer votre rédempteur

Dieu tout puissant, gloire éternelle
Vous soit rendue jusqu'aux cieux.
Que la paix soit universelle
Que la grâce a bonde en tous lieux.

*Bethlehem, there in manger lying,
Find your Redeemer, haste away!
Run ye with eager footsteps hieing,
Worship the Saviour born today.*

*Praise to the Lord of all creation,
Glory to God the fount of grace;
May peace abide in ev'ry nation,
Goodwill in men of ev'ry race.*

—Vs. 1–3 tr. A.B Ramsey

—Vs. 1–3 tr. David Willcocks

The people kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMN 111

sung kneeling

Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

—Joseph Mohr (1792–1848)

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The people stand.

HYMN 87

Mendelssohn

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| <p>1 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!</p> | <p>2 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!</p> |
| <p>3 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!</p> | |

— *Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Traditional French carol
arr. Keith Chapman (1945–1989)

The Cathedral Choir

Chelsea Berner
Jesse Berney
John Catalani
Gwendolyn Dove
Nancy Ellis
Frankie Espinoza
Ashly Evans
Gayle Evans
John Gallagher
Nick Germanotta
Charlie Gillman
Michelle Girardot
Joel Goodloe
Madeleine Hussey
Charlotte Jones

Laura Lisk
Chris Lo
Kirstie McCallum
Ben McGee
Kyle McGowen
Bill McKenzie
Dylan McKinion
David Miller
Ann Miller
Penny Morris
Jim Murdaugh
Riley Nordmeier
Lindsey Overstreet
John Proffitt
Howard Rhoades

Floyd Robinson
Wick Rowland
Emily Schuck
Justin Shen
Anne Shepherd
Gary Smith
Becky Stevens
Eric Strom
Sean Stultz
Hal Watson
Claudia Watson
Michele Watson
Catherine Whitney
Dana Whitney

Instrumentalists

Maria Lin, violin
Hae-a Lee, violin
Kana Kimura, viola
Erika Johnson, cello
Paul Ellison, bass
Ann Fairbanks, flute
Alaina Diehl, flute

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral



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