

✧SAINT✧ BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH ✧NEW YORK✧

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
December 24, 2018

“THE CHRIST-MASS”

FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST AT 11 PM

WELCOME

This festive and holy night brings us to the very heart of mystery, and to the very heart of our faith. Christians in all times and places have believed that in celebrating the birth of Jesus, we are saying that somehow, beyond human comprehension, God entered into the life we live. This is a gift beyond understanding. In receiving this gift, we throw a worshipful party with a wide open door. May you receive this gift and the spirit of this celebration. And may this spirit, in the Peace of God, bring you back often.

*We ask your understanding in this crowded season.
You may save seats until fifteen minutes before the hour.
After that ushers may need to ask your cooperation in sharing seats with others.
Please turn off all cell phones and pagers.*

Prelude at 10:30 pm

Fantasia on “Greensleeves”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night”

Samuel Barber

Rector's Welcome

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

Congregational Carol 100 “Joy to the world! the Lord is come” (Stanzas 1 and 4)

Antioch

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, 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,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Kyrie from *Mass at the Crèche*

George Malcolm

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

“Sleep of the Infant Jesus”

Henri Büsser

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

St. Bart’s Singers

St. Bartholomew’s Choir

Paolo Bordignon, Interim Organist and Choirmaster

Jason Roberts, Associate Director of Music and Director of the Choristers

Frances Duffy, Harp; Tina Bouey, Violin

Festival Eucharist at 11 pm

Fanfare and Processional Hymn 83 “O come, all ye faithful”

Adeste fideles

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6

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

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

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.**

The congregation may be seated.

Gloria in excelsis from Mass at the Crèche

George Malcolm

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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect for the Nativity of our Lord

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 *King James version*

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 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.

The Reader says, The Word of the Lord.

All reply, **Thanks be to God.**

Motet "Hodie, Christus natus est"

Francis Poulenc

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Hodie Christus natus est:
hodie Salvator apparuit:
hodie in terra canunt angeli,
laetantur archangeli:
hodie exultant justi dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia!

This day Christ is born:
this day the Savior has appeared:
this day the angels sang on earth,
the archangels rejoiced:
this day the righteous gave praise, saying:
Glory to God in the highest, Alleluia!

Antiphon for Second Vespers on Christmas Day

The Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14 *King James version*

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.

The Reader says, The Word of the Lord.

All reply, **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Carol 89 "It came upon the midnight clear" (*Stanzas 1 and 2*)

Carol

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20 *King James version*

At the Announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*The Reader says, The Gospel of the Lord.
All reply, **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

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

*After each petition, the leader says, Gracious God,
All reply, **Hear our prayer.***

The Presider concludes with this collect:

Son of God, child of Mary, born in the stable at Bethlehem, be born again in us this night, that through us the world may know the wonder of your love. **Amen.**

The Peace

*Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.***

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory

Carol "Masters in this Hall"

arr. David Willcocks

The Combined Choirs

- 1 Masters in this Hall,
Hear ye news to-day
Brought from over sea,
And ever I you pray:
Refrain:
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Nowell, sing we clear!
Holpen are all folk on earth,
Born is God's son so dear:
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Nowell, sing we loud!
God to-day hath poor folk raised
And cast a-down the proud.
- 2 Going o'er the hills,
Through the milk-white snow,
Heard I ewes bleat
While the wind did blow: **Refrain.**
- 3 Shepherds many an one
Sat among the sheep,
No man spake more word
Than they had been asleep: **Refrain.**
- 4 Quoth I, "Fellows mine,
Why this guise sit ye?
Making but dull cheer,
Shepherds though ye be?" **Refrain.**
- 5 Shepherds should of right
Leap and dance and sing,
Thus to see ye sit,
Is a right strange thing": **Refrain.**
- 6 Quoth these fellows then,
"To Bethlem town we go,
To see a mighty lord
Lie in manger low": **Refrain.**
- 7 "How name ye this lord,
Shepherds?" then said I,
"Very God," they said,
"Come from Heaven high": **Refrain.**
- 8 This is Christ the Lord,
Masters be ye glad!
Christmas is come in,
And no folk should be sad: **Refrain.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **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.**

The Presider continues 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 from *Mass at the Crèche*

George Malcolm

Sanctus, 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.

The Presider continues 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,
Presider and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Presider continues 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. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

At the Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei from *Mass at the Crèche*

George Malcolm

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.

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.*

Congregational Carol 101 “Away in a manger, no crib for his bed”

Cradle Song

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| 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he
lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. | 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh. |
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Congregational Carol 96 “Angels we have heard on high”

Gloria

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| 1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. | 2 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. |
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Carol “See, amid the winter’s snow”

John Goss, arr. David Willcocks

The Combined Choirs

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| 1 See, amid the winter’s snow,
Born for us on Earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Refrain:
Hail, thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem. | Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep? Refrain. |
| 2 Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits among the cherubim. Refrain. | 4 “As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing ‘Peace On Earth’
Told us of the Saviour’s birth.” Refrain. |
| 3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today; | 5 Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this. Refrain. |
| | 6 Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility. Refrain. |

Congregational Carol 115 “What child is this, who, laid to rest”

Greensleeves

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| 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary. | 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary. |
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Prayer after Communion *Said by all, standing.*

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.

Congregational Carol 111 “Silent night, holy night”

Stille Nacht

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| 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.
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!
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.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. |
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Blessing

- 1 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 the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!
- 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 God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!
- 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 new-born King!

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People’s Response **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Keith Chapman

**The clergy and staff of St. Bartholomew’s Church
wish you a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!**

ST. BART’S SINGERS

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Sarah Kerner	Shauna Leeks	Michael Horton	Bill Rowe
Martha Sullivan*	Chelsey Masterson	Chris Carter*	Paul Rounsaville
Kit Basquin	Karen Anne Johnson		Jeff Morrissey*
Bernadette Chapman	Wendy Gilles*		Tim Hook
Ann Mugavero	Erin Salvatore		Steve Hughes
	Barbara Stetson		Igor Solonkov
			Scott Killian

* Section Leader

ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHOIR

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Rachel Farrar	Wendy Gilles	Napat Mingkwanyuen	Raphael Biran
Laura Winslow	Kathleen Hayes	Chris Carter	Jeff Morrissey
Olivia Greene	Gwyneth Leech	David Bryan	Jason Whitfield
Martha Sullivan	Sara Couden	Joe Rubinstein	Christian Smythe
Kate Knowles		Evan Rieger*	Robby Sweeney
		Matthew Smith	David Wilson
			Justin Beck*

* Guest Singer

Go in peace. The worship is over. Our service now begins.

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