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

“THE CHRIST-MASS”

FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST AT 7 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 6:30 pm

Fantasia on “Greensleeves”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Carol “Gabriel’s Message”

arr. William Llewellyn

St. Bartholomew’s Boy and Girl Choristers

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

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

St. Bartholomew's Boy and Girl Choristers

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

Paolo Bordignon, Interim Organist and Choirmaster

Frances Duffy, Harp; Tina Bouey, Violin

Festival Eucharist at 7 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 congregation is invited to stand as able.*

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

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 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.

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

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.

The Reader says, The Word of the Lord.
All reply, **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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 swaddling clothes, 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.

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 caeli 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.

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.

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.*

The Combined Choirs

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.

2 Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits among the cherubim. **Refrain.**

3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today;

Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep? **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.**

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 101 "Away in a manger, no crib for his bed"

Cradle Song

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.

Congregational Carol 96 "Angels we have heard on high"

Gloria

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.

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

Greensleeves

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.

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

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.

Blessing

Congregational Carol 87 “Hark! the herald angels sing”

Mendelssohn

- 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. BARTHOLOMEW’S BOY AND GIRL CHORISTERS

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Lane Berat
Langley Berat
Leyton Berat
Lee Berat

Lyall Berat
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Madeleine Gardephe

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Erin Salvatore
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Evan Rieger*
Matthew Smith

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

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