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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS DAY  
December 25, 2018

**FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST AT 11 AM**

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**Organ** La Nativité (from *Trois Poèmes Liturgiques*)

Jean Langlais

**Rector's Welcome**

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

**Fanfare and Processional Hymn** 83 "O come, all ye faithful"

*Adeste fideles*

*Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 6*

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

### The Collect for Christmas Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

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

**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.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**The Second Lesson** Hebrews 1:1-4

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.

*The Reader says,* The Word of the Lord.

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

*At this time, children are invited to follow the crucifer to the Chapel for a special telling of the Christmas story. They will return to us during the Peace.*

**Congregational Carol** 96 “Angels we have heard on high”

*Gloria*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Angels we have heard on high,<br/>singing sweetly through the night,<br/>and the mountains in reply<br/>echoing their brave delight.<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</li><li>3 Come to Bethlehem and see<br/>him whose birth the angels sing;<br/>come, adore on bended knee<br/>Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?<br/>Why these songs of happy cheer?<br/>What great brightness did you see?<br/>What glad tidings did you hear?<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</li><li>4 See him in a manger laid<br/>whom the angels praise above;<br/>Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,<br/>while we raise our hearts in love.<br/>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</li></ol> |
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**The Holy Gospel** John 1:1-14

*At the Announcement, all say* **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.

*The Reader says,* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All reply,* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders, *Vicar*

**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 day, 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** "Christmas Day"

Gustav Holst

*The text includes the carols: "Good Christian men, rejoice," "God rest ye merry, gentlemen,"  
"Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly," and "The First Nowell."*

### **At the Presentation**

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

Antioch

1 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.

4 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.

### **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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

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.*

### Carol "What sweeter music"

*St. Bartholomew's Choir*

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honor to this day,  
That sees December turned to May.

We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him. The nobler part  
Of all the house here, is the heart.

Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth,  
To heaven, and the under-earth.

Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honour, who's our King,  
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring,  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?

### 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.***

### 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**

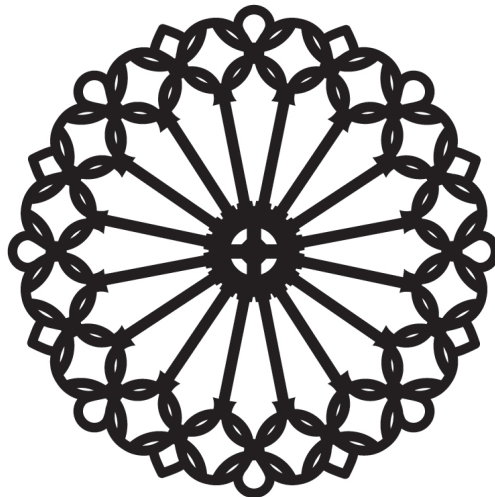
*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Organ** Prelude in B Major, Op. 7

Marcel Dupré

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





## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHOIR

**SOPRANO**  
Rachel Farrar  
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Gwyneth Leech  
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Joe Rubinstein  
Matthew Smith

**BASS**  
Raphael Biran  
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Jason Whitfield  
Christian Smythe  
Robby Sweeney  
David Wilson

### JOIN US ANY SUNDAY

**8 am Eucharist**, a traditional spoken service

**9 am Eucharist**, with St. Bart's Singers, instrumentalists,  
and a lively blend of traditional and contemporary music

**11 am Choral Eucharist**, with St. Bartholomew's Choir and the Boy and Girl Choristers

**5 pm Community Eucharist**, with a blend of traditional and contemporary music

### AND WEEKDAYS

**12:05 pm Eucharist**

**5:30 pm Evening Prayer**

**Wednesdays: 6 pm Evening Eucharist**

**Saturdays: 10 am Morning Prayer**

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

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