



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

818 East Juneau Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



December 24, 2011

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Crèche and Solemn Eucharist

Celebrant: The Right Reverend Steven A. Miller

Prelude* *Works by J. S. Bach and D. Scarlatti*

Joan Parsley, Harpsichord

Voluntary *Prelude on "Whence is this lovely fragrance"*

H. Oxley

The people stand for the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn

Adeste fidelis (vss. 1-3)

Hymnal 83

after verse 3, the Blessing of the Crèche

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;

People And we beheld his glory.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn

Adeste fidelis (vss. 4-6)

Hymnal 83

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-202

The Collect of the Day

○ 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 Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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 Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Up! Good Christian folk

arr. G. Woodward

Ding-dong, ding: Ding-a-dong-a-ding: Ding-dong, ding-dong: Ding-a-dong-ding.

Up! good Christen folk, and listen How the merry church bells ring,
And from steeple Bid good people Come adore the new-born King:
Tell the story how from glory God came down at Christmastide,
Bringing gladness, Chasing sadness, Show'ring blessings far and wide.
Born of mother, blest o'er other, Ex Maria Virgine,
In a stable ('Tis no fable), Christus natus hodie.

text: G. Woodward

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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 Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Winchester Old

Hymnal 94

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

People 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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Bishop of Milwaukee

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Brother and sisters, on this most holy night of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy and contentment in this holy season, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice maybe replaced by the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed and underemployed; the hungry; those who are sick, especially [n.]; those who are imprisoned in body or soul; and all those for whom this season is one not of joy bur of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who labor this night on behalf of others; doctors and nurses, police officers and firefighters, gas station attendants, bus and taxi drivers, for the men and women of our armed forces, and all those whose work prevents them for sharing this evening with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in faith; that we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For what else or for whom else shall we pray? (The congregation may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.) We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Mighty God, mercifully hear the prayers of the people you have chosen as your own. Give us zeal in our ministries and joy in our work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Anthem

Hodie, Christus natus est

J. P. Sweelinck

Today, Christ is born, Noel. Today, the Savior appeared, Alleluia.

Today, on earth the angels sing, archangels rejoice, Noel.

Today, the righteous rejoice, saying, Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia. Noel.

text: Christmas Antiphon to the Magnificat

Offertory Hymn

Gloria

Hymnal 96

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer "D"

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-114

The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal S-119
<i>Agnus Dei</i>		Hymnal S-158
Communion Voluntary	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>	J. S. Bach
Communion Anthem	<i>Here is the little door</i>	H. Howells

*Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!
 We need not wander more but enter with our gift;
 Our gift of finest gold; Gold that was never bought nor sold;
 Myrrh to be strewn about His bed; Incense in clouds about His head;
 All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep, but holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.*

*Bend low about His bed, for each He has a gift;
 See how His eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift!
 For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword (Defend with it thy little Lord!)
 For incense, smoke of battle red, Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
 Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;
 Touched by such tiny hands and Oh such tiny feet.*

text: Francis Chesterton

Post Communion Hymn	<i>Stille Nacht (sung by all kneeling)</i>	Hymnal 111
The Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP page 366

The Episcopal Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People The maker of heaven and earth.
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People From this time forth for evermore.

Recessional Hymn	<i>Mendelssohn</i>	Hymnal 87
Voluntary	<i>Carillon de Westminster</i>	L. Vierne

The Cathedral Bells of Remembrance and Hope will ring following the voluntary.

*We wish to express our appreciation to Ms. Joan Parsley, Director of Ensemble Musical Offering, Cathedral Artists-in-Residence, for providing prelude music this evening.

Please join us for refreshments in the Guild Hall Dining Room.

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