The Word of God

The Opening Sentence  (Stand at the bell)

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

People  AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

Hymn 105: God rest you merry, gentlemen  (8:00 AM v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

8:00 am The Summary of the Law

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.

People  AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

Celebrant  Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Ephesians 1: 3–6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  THANKS BE TO GOD.

Sequence Hymn 82: Of the Father's love begun

The Gospel

John 1: 1-18

8:00 am People  GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

10:30 am People  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. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

Reader  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Thomas J. Rasnick

The Prayers of the People - Form VI

The Peace
8:00 am Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory

The Doxology (Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving

The Proper Preface

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;

The Holy, Holy, Holy and Blessed is He

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,

People

HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Celebrant

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,

People

HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Celebrant

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,

People

GRANT US THY PEACE.

The Gifts of God

The Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Hymn 128: We three kings of Orient are (8:00 v. 1 & 5)

The Dismissal

Postlude Noël de Saintonge

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682–1738)

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10:30 am Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem Adolphe Adam (1803–1856)

O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine

Soloist: Daniel Spiotta

The Doxology (Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving from Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant and People sing together:
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;

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.

The Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (S 129-Powell)

Blessed are you Lord God. You formed us to dwell in your infinite love as you gave the world into our care so that we might be good stewards of Your bountiful grace.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave it to his disciples saying this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine, gave it to them and said Drink this all of you. This is my Blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
10:30 am Holy Communion continued

We offer you this bread and wine. Sanctify them to be for your people the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. To you be honor, glory and praise for ever and ever.

Amen (S 146 Robinson)

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion of the People

The Communion Anthem    Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)
I wonder as I wander

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How jesus, the savior, had come for to die
For poor on'ry people, like you and like i.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When mary birthed jesus, t'was in a cow's stall
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all,
But high in god's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages, it then did recall.

If jesus had wanted for any wee thing
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing
Or all of god's angels in heaven for to sing
He surely could have it, for he was the king!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How jesus, the savior, had come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like i.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

Soloist: Daniel Spiotta

Communion Hymn 112:
Love came down at Christmas

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The Blessing
The Dismissal

Hymn 99: Go tell it on the mountain

Postlude: Noël de Saintonge
Jean-François Dandrieu (1682–1738)

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Lay Ministries

10:30 Ushers    Adam Brock, Eric Haralson
10:30 Greeter    Missy Minkin
8:00 Lay Reader / Lector    Clark Seiler
10:30 Lay Reader / Lector    Becca Burress
10:30 Crucifer    Joel Morris
10:30 Thurifer    Matthew McClellan
10:30 Verger
8:00 Acolyte
10:30 Acolytes    Bill Hackett, Calean McElrath, Jim Hackett, Graeme McElrath
Audio / Video    Paul Ruff & Team
Altar Guild    Suzanne Rogers & Team
Flower Guild    Karen Gilbertson & Team

Altar Flowers

Flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in memory of Don Preston, Margaret Flaherty and Peggy and Frank Preston by their family.

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of John R. Weiss by Tom Weiss.

Announcements

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Daughters of the King meet today at 9:15 am
(Admin. Bldg., Third Floor)

Cathedral Offices closed 1/4 & 1/5 for Staff Planning
Centering Prayer will resume on Thurs., January 6th
Morning Prayer will resume on Tues., January 11th