

Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle

Washington, District of Columbia



Christmas Day Mass

December 25, 2020

10:00 am

Celebration of the Eucharist

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and remove as many distractions as possible from your attention.*

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is my great joy to welcome all of you this afternoon to Saint Matthew's Cathedral by way of livestreaming and to express my warmest wishes to you and your families for a most blessed Christmas and joyful New Year.

To all of you, our friends and guests who join us today, know that you are most welcome now and throughout the year. I also look to you to help us by your prayers and generosity, which enable us to continue our many programs and activities and the on-going maintenance of this magnificent edifice in which we are all so privileged to worship. Help us to extend this hospitality to so many visitors who come to Saint Matthew's Cathedral, and allow us to remain a strong witness of the Catholic faith in downtown Washington.

On behalf of all the clergy and staff here at the Cathedral, thank you for joining us this afternoon for Mass. May the Lord bless you now and always with the love of Jesus, born of Mary this day in Bethlehem.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson

ORGAN PRELUDE

J.S. Bach, arr. R. Gower
SINFONIA FROM CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

VOCAL PRELUDE

MARIA WIEGENLIED

Max Reger

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful / Adeste Fideles



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. † God of — God, — Light — of — Light, —
 3. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
 1. *Ad - é - ste fī - dé - les, laé - ti, tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -*
 2. † *De - um de De - o, Lu - men de Lá - mi - ne*
 3. † *Can - tet nunc i - o, cho - rus an - ge - lo - rum,*
 4. † *Er - go qui na - tus Di - e ho - di - ér - na,*



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.
Ge - stant pu - él - lae ví - sce - ra.
Can - tet nunc au - lae cae - les - ti - um.
Je - su — ti - bi sit gló - ri - a.



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
Na - tum vi - dé - te, Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.
De - um ve - rum, Gé - ni - tum, non fa - ctum.
Gló - ri - a, gló - ria, in ex - cél - sis De - o.
Pa - tris ae - ter - nae ver - bum ca - ro fa - ctum,



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
Ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Hughes/Hommerding

Musical score for Gloria, featuring three staves of music with lyrics: Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Howard Hughes

Musical score for Responsorial Psalm, featuring two staves of music with lyrics: To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord. To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

Text: Psalm 96, verses trans. © 1970, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, D.C.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL
Music: Howard Hughes, SM, © 1976, GIA Publications, Inc.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA

Gerald Muller



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PREPARATION

SILENT NIGHT



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

1. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! To - do duer - me en
 2. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! O - ye hu - mil - de el
 3. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! Mi - ra qué gran



all is bright Round yon vir - gin
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from
 love's pure light Ra - dian beams from
 de - rre - dor, En - tre los as - tros que es -
 fiel pas - tor, Co - ros ce - les - tes que a -
 res - plan - dor Lu - ce en el ros - tro del



moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant so
 heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing
 thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re -
 par - cen su luz, Be - lla, a - nun - cian - do al ni -
 nun - cian sa - lud, Gra - cias y glo - rias en
 ni - ño Je - sús, En el pe - se - bre, del



ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 ñi - to Je - sús, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de
 gran ple - ni - tud, Por nues - tro buen Re - den -
 mun - do la luz, As - tro de e - ter - no ful -



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.
 tor, Por nues - tro buen Re - den - tor.
 gor, As - tro de e - ter - no ful - gor.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

Franz Schubert

DEUTSCHE MESSE

LAMB OF GOD

Lucien Deiss

COMMUNION HYMN

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild
 last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold him come,
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
 Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

