# CHRISTMAS DAY

25 December 2022 | 11:00am



# ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Reaching One Another, Tallahassee, and the World with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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# The Holy Eucharist

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.

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# The Entrance Rite

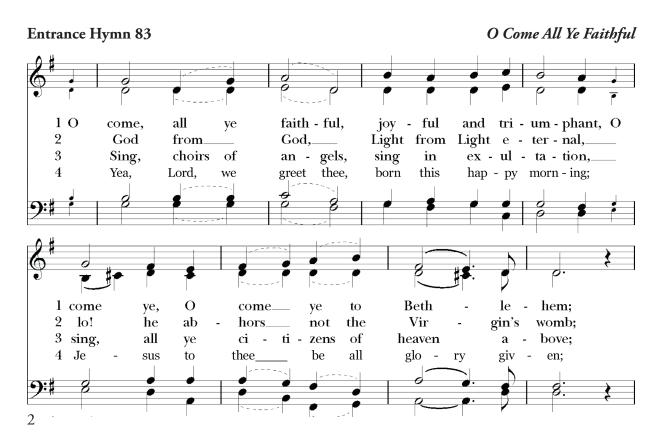
Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

John Garrett Hughes, piano

Pealing of the Bells Please Stand.





# The Seasonal Greeting

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born,

People: Unto us a son is given.

Isaiaн 9: 6

# The Collect for Purity

### Celebrant and People:

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 Summary of the Law

#### Celebrant:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

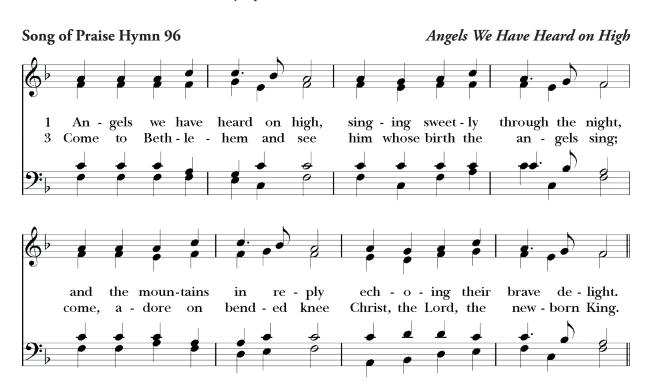
MATTHEW 22: 37-40

# **Kyrie**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.





# The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your spirit.** 

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon

him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same

Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Lesson All are Seated.

Isaiah 52: 7-12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord. <sup>12</sup> For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 98 Remain Seated. Read in unison.

- <sup>1</sup> O sing unto the LORD a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his own right hand and with his holy arm, \* he has won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD declared his salvation; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- <sup>4</sup> He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \* sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- <sup>6</sup> Praise the LORD with the harp; \*

sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets also and horns, \*

O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.

<sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, \*

the round world, and those who dwell therein.

- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, \* for he has come to judge the earth.
- With righteousness shall he judge the world, \* and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 1: 1–12

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup> And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

Lector:
People: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Turn page for sequence hymn.







The Gospel Remain Standing.

John 1: 1-18

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Michael Petty

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The Nicene Creed All Stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 All Kneel.

After each bidding of "Lord, in your mercy" the People prayerfully respond with "Hear our prayer."

### The Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# The Comfortable Words Remain Kneeling.

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

I JOHN 2:1-2

**The Peace** All stand and greet one another in the name of the LORD.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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# The Holy Communion

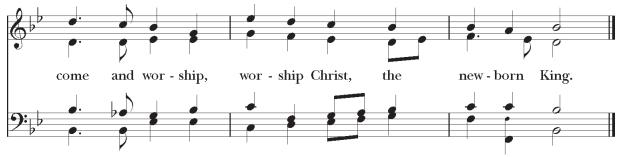
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# At the Offertory

Still, Still, Still

N. Luboff





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

#### The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

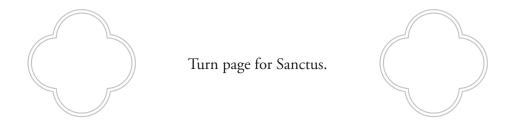
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant:

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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### All Kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.** 

### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People: 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.

### The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

People:

# The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

#### Invitation to Communion

# **Communion Instructions**

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

An usher will release the aisles to come forward for Communion. A verger will direct you to the altar rail where a priest will place a wafer in your hands. If you would like to dip the wafer into the wine, hold it so it is visible and the first chalice bearer will offer you the intinction chalice for you to do so. If you would like to drink from the common cup, consume the bread and drink from the chalice offered by the second chalice bearer.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the acolytes in front of the pulpit or the lectern. Once you have obtained your wafer, come to the priest for the words of administration.

**Prayer Ministry:** If you would like to be prayed for by a team of prayer ministers, after receiving communion, please proceed to the prayer ministry teams near the Liberty Cross in the transept near the large wooden door to classroom 201. You may form a line along the wall of the transept if necessary.



Home Communion: If you are unable to attend services at St. Peter's because you are home-bound or otherwise unable, we can bring Communion to you.

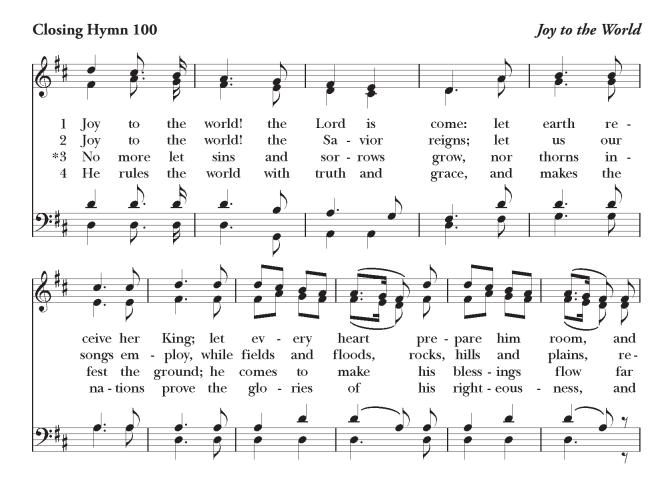
Please contact Lori Thompson, LEMV Coordinator, at 1loriandmichael1@gmail.com

# The Post Communion Prayer All Kneel.

# Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Blessing Remain Kneeling.





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

### The Dismissal

The People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. G. Martin



### **SERVICES**

9am Sunday\* | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language
11:15am Sunday\* | Holy Communion in Traditional Language
5pm Sunday\* | Evensong with Holy Communion
12:10pm Wednesday | Holy Communion & Prayers of Healing
7:30pm Wednesday\* (during class semester) | Choral Compline
9am Monday-Friday | Morning Prayer
4:30pm Monday-Thursday | Evening Prayer

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