



Washington Street near Broadway

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**25 December 2018
9:00 am—Holy Eucharist with Hymns**

Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

ORGAN - *In Dulci Jubilo*

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 105 - *God Rest You Merry*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON—*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

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.

(52:7-10)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL —*Psalm 98:1-6, Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

THE SECOND LESSON—*A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

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.

(1:1-4)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 115 - *Greensleeves*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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. (1:1-14)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. ***People Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Rejoicing in the Birth of our Lord and Savior, we pray that the Church may be continually re-born. Let us share the humility of the manger, the adoration of the shepherds, and the love of the Holy Family, in the light of him who is the Light of the world:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Pity and pardon this world of conflict, deaf to the message of peace bring harmony where there is strife between nations and where people are divided by suspicion and bitterness. Heal those who have no peace within themselves:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the families and friends with whom we celebrate this happy time. Give us true love, unselfish desires, and grateful hearts. We pray especially for the children, for their unclouded joy at this time. Create in us a pattern of human love that will lead them to the love of God who sent his Son as a little child:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who cannot feel the joy of Christmas, through the burden of sickness, bereavement, or other distress. Comfort with your presence all who are separated at this time from those they love. We pray for those serving in our nation's armed forces here and abroad, bring the light of Christ into their lives.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on the departed who, having shared with Christ their human birth and infancy, have shared with him also the death of the body. Make their joy complete, in the company of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and of all the saints, and in that kingdom where there is nei-

ther birth nor death, but abundant life without end:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant God our Shepherd, come into our lives with your power to help, save, and defend us, and let us see your loving-kindness in your Son, Jesus Christ, both now and for ever.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Assisting Priest and People

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

The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 87 - Mendelssohn

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II

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PREFACE OF THE INCARNATION

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

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OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN 100 - *Antioch*

ORGAN - *Unto Us a Boy is Born*

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

CHRISTMAS COMMEMORATIONS 2018

**In Thanksgiving for
The Incarnation of Our Lord
and for
The Bethesda Family**

by
The Very Rev'd Marshall J. Vang

The Aumbry Candle is given in memory of

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and
Madeline Stewart
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