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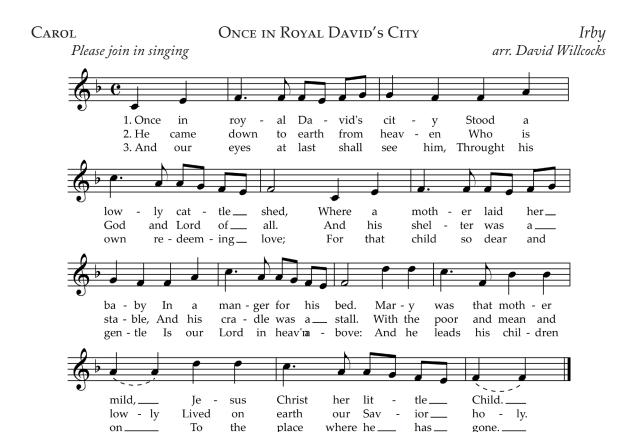
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CHORAL PRELUDE to MIDNIGHT MASS SACRED MUSIC and CAROLS

CATHEDRAL BASILICA CHOIR



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VIRGA JESSE

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

English translation, sung in Latin

The rod of Jesse hath blossomed: a virgin hath brought forth One Who was both God and man; God hath given back peace to man, reconciling the lowest with the highest to Himself.

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, he, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessed, When the Virgin full of grace, By the Spirit blest conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race; And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heav'n adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing; Pow'rs, dominion, bow before him, And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to you with God the Father, Spirit blest eternally; Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unending praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore! Evermore! Amen.

AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD

George F. Handel (1685 - 1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. - Isaiah 40:5

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

CLAUDE GOUDIMEL (1514-1572)

Comfort, comfort ye my people, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;

Tell her that her sins I cover, And her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth In the desert far and near,

Bidding all men to repentance Since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad;

And all flesh shall see the token That his word is never broken.

English translation, sung in Latin

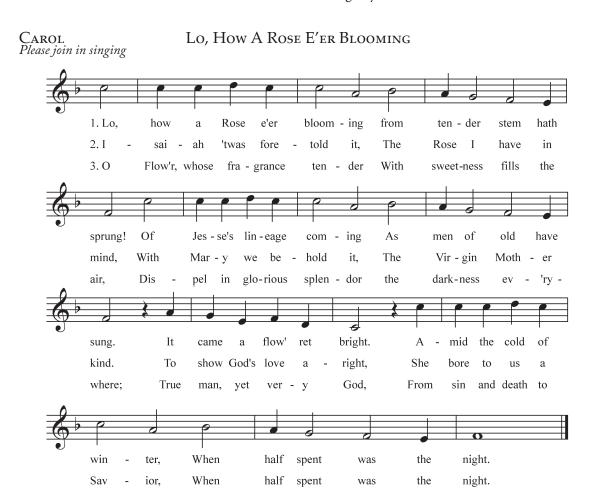
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Mary said to the Angel: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me, according to your word.



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Behold a Mystical Rose From thorny stem hath sprung;
Of David's lineage God chose To give to the world His Son.
All hail, thou House of Gold, Of whom ancient prophets foretold;
Thy royal praises we sing; Thy womb was the court of our King.
Behold the Mother of God, Yet lowliest daughter of men;
At her assenting nod God Gave His Son to men.
All hail, Thou Morning Star, Who brought Blessed Light from afar,
Dispel the darkness of night, Illumine our path with Thy Light.
Behold the cause of our Joy, Who bore the infinite Child,
To Satan's kingdom destroy And men to God reconcile.
All hail, thou Gate of Heav'n, Through thee all graces are giv'n;
Through thee Salvation came; All praised and blest be thy name!
All hail, thou Gate of Heavn, Through thee all graces are givn;
Through thee Salvation came; All praised and blest be thy name!

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

Please join in singing

And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CARL SCHALK (b. 1929)

Before the marvel of this night adoring, fold your wings and bow, Then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, That fear and death and sorrow cease: Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, This is the day the Lord has made. Assemble here, celestial throng, In royal splendor come arrayed. Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, A teasing taste of what they miss: Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, Our constant joy and endless light, Now to the loveless world be shown, Now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above: Sing love, sing love, sing God is love, Sing love, sing God is love!

CAROL

Please join in singing

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Felix Mendelssohn

arr. David Willcocks

ARK! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord; Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

CHRISTMAS DAY

Gustav Holst

[1874-1934]

Jeff Chapman, Bass soloist Marcelle McGuirk, Soprano soloist Jackie Dunleavy, Mezzo-soprano soloist Jeff Chapman, Baritone soloist

Good Christian men rejoice With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today: Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

God rest ye merry, gentlemen Let nothing you dismay Remember, Christ, our Saviour Was born on Christmas day To save us all from woe and sin When we were gone astray O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy O tidings of comfort and joy.

Come ye lofty, come ye lowly Let your songs of gladness ring;
In a stable lies the Holy, In a manger rests the King:
See in Mary's arms reposing Christ by highest heaven adored:
Come, your circle round Him closing,
Pious hearts that love the Lord.

Lully, Lulla, Thou Little Tiny Child

Marcelle McGuirk, soloist

Kenneth Leighton (1929 - 1988)

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, by, by, lully, lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day?
This poor youngling for whom we sing, by, by, lully, lullay!
Herod, the king, in his raging charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight, all children young to slay.
That woe is me, poor child, for thee!
And evermorn and may, for thy parting nor say nor sing,
by, by, lully, lullay.

Please join in singing

ilent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

From the Roman Martyrology

Ancient Christian scholars used Sacred Scripture, histories and the best calendars available at the time to calculate the age of the world and the dates of prominent events. Although current evidence often differs from the ancient record, the Christmas Proclamation, a part of the Roman Martyrology declares the Incarnation of Christ as the central moment of human history.

The twenty-fifth day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of the Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad, in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome, in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Adeste Fidelis arr. Richard Webster

ADESTE, fideles, laeti triumphantes;

Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte Regem angelorum. Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, Venite adoremus, Dominum.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning! Jesus to thee be glory giv'n. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Introit: Hodie Scietis (Vigil Mass)

Chant

Choir:

odie scietis, quia veniet Dominus, el salvabit nos: et mane videbitis gloriam eius.

Today you shall know that the Lord is coming, and that He shall save us:

and in the morning you shall see His glory.

Introit: Dominus Dixit Ad Me (Mass at Midnight)

Chant

Choir:

ominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te.

The Lord said to me: Thou art my Song, today I have begotten Thee.

Introit: Puer Natus (Mass on Christmas Day)

Chant

Choir: uer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius imperium super humerum eius: et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consilii Angelus.

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. The insignia of His reign is on His shoulder and His name shall be the "Angel of Great Counsel."

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Penitential Act

All: I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

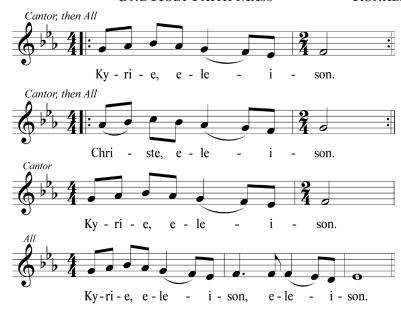
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Archbishop/ May almighty God have mercy on us, Priest: forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

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All: Amen.



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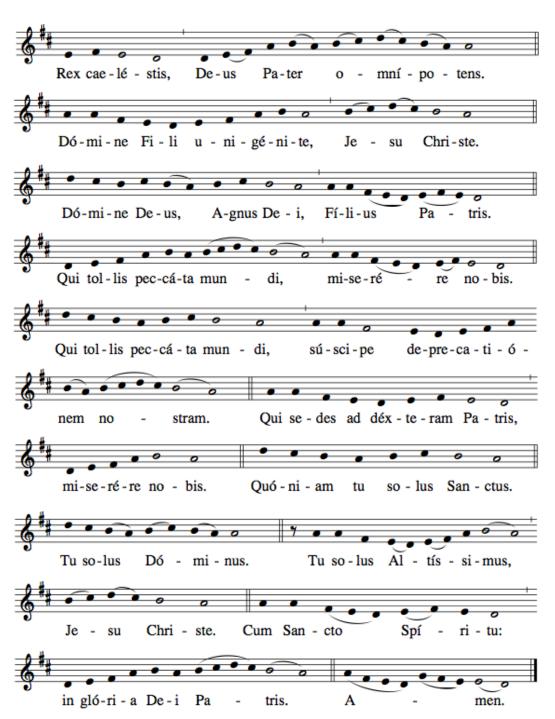
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Dó-mi - ne De-us,



Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Mass at the Vigil Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

The Lord delights in you.

Mass at Midnight Isaiah 9: 1 - 6

A Son is given us.

Mass at Dawn Isaiah 62: 11 - 12

Behold, your Savior comes!

Mass During the Day Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

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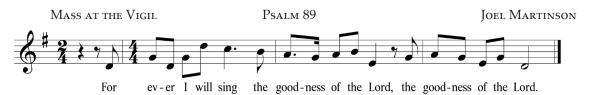
All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

RESPONSE AFTER THE READING:

ALL:

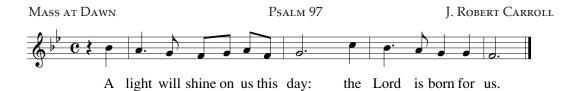
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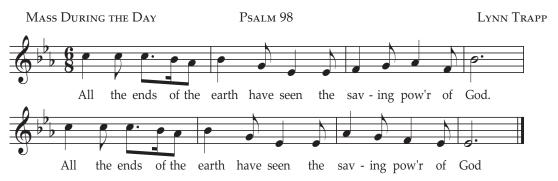


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SECOND READING

Mass at the Vigil Acts 13: 16 - 17, 22 - 25

Paul bears witness to Christ, the Son of David.

Mass at Midnight Titus 2: 11 - 14

The grace of God has appeared to all.

Mass at Dawn Titus 3: 4 - 7

Because of his mercy, he saved us.

Mass During the Day Hebrews 1:1 - 6

God has spoken to us through the Son.

RESPONSE AFTER THE READING:



Thanks be to God

CHRISTMASTIME ALLELUIA

JAMES J. CHEPPONIS

Please repeat after the Cantor and following the verse.



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VERSE AT THE VIGIL

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

Verse at Midnight

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

Verse at Dawn

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

Verse during the Day

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the earth.

Gospel

Mass at the Vigil Matthew 1: 1 - 25

The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

Mass at Midnight Luke 2: 1 - 14

Today a Savior has been born for you.

Mass at Dawn Luke 2: 15 - 20

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant.

Mass During the Day John 1: 1 - 18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

RESPONSES BEFORE THE GOSPEL

And with your spir - it.

Glory to you, O Lord.

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL

All:

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Profession of Faith

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow up to and including and became man: all genuflect and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

A CHILD IS BORN

Jackie Dunleavy, soloist

Leo Nestor

(b. 1948)

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia! Wherefore rejoice, Jerusalem, Alleluia, Alleluia.

With joyful hearts in praise,

Christ the newborn King adore now as newfound songs we raise. Hic jacet in praesepio, Alleluia! (He lies in a manger, Alleluia!)

Qui regnat sine termino, Alleluia! (He reigns without end, Alleluia!)

In cordis jubilo, (In the heart with joy,)

Christum natum adoremus cum novo cantico. (Christ we adore with a new song.)

De matre natus virgine, Alleluia! (From a virgin born, Alleluia!)

Qui Lumen est de Lumine, Alleluia! Alleluia! (Light from light, Alleluia! Alleluia!)

In cordis jubilo, Christum natum adoremus cum novo cantico.

(With joy, the birth of Christ, let us adore, with a new song,)

In hoc natali gaudio, Alleluia! (In this joy, Alleluia!)

Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia Alleluia! (Bless the Lord!)

Now praise the Blessed Trinity, Alleluia!

Who reigns for all eternity, Alleluia, Alleluia! With joyful hearts in praise, Christ the newborn King adore

cum novo cantico. (with a new song)

Cantique De Noël

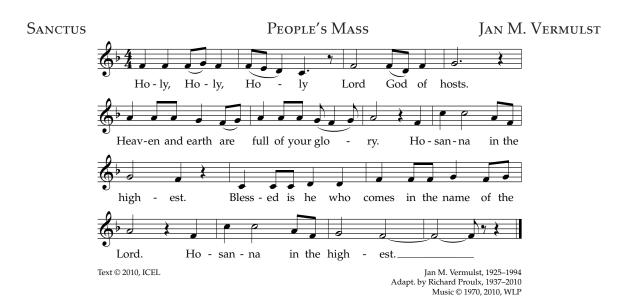
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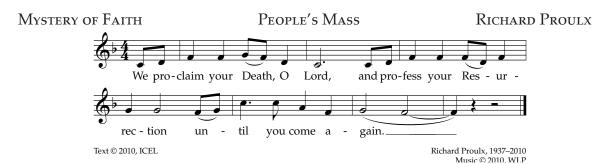
ADOLPHE ADAM

(1803 - 1856)

O holy night! the stars are brighly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love, and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name;
Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!



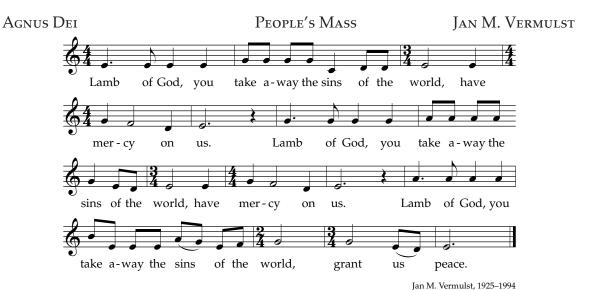




Communion Rite

LORD'S PRAYER

RITE OF PEACE



Communion

The reception of Holy Communion is a sign of our unity in faith and life in the Catholic Church. Catholics, free from serious sin and properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the Communion Procession.



The First Noel



O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

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English translation, sung in Latin

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in their manger!

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Concluding Rites

Greeting, Blessing and Dismissal

RECESSIONAL

JOY TO THE WORLD

Antioch arr. Joseph Willcox Jenkins

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill RECTOR AND PASTOR

Ms. Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Liturgical Music

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