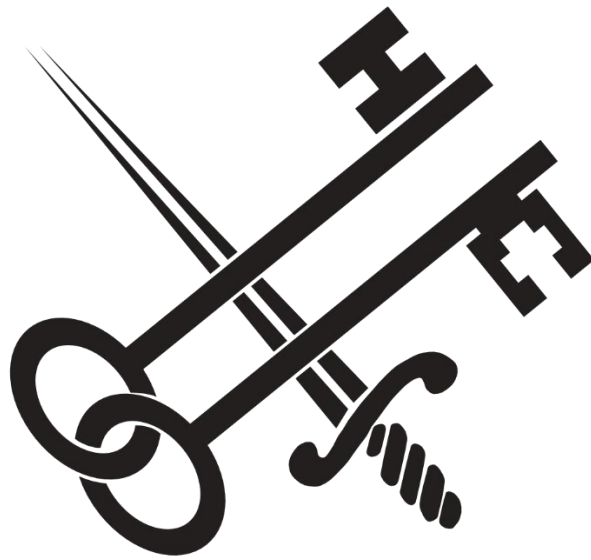


LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

according to the 1984 Book of Common Prayer

on The Nativity of our LORD

Wednesday 25th December 2024
8.00am

Order of Service



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Since earliest Christian times the word Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for 'thanksgiving', has been used to describe the sacrament that Jesus Christ instituted at the last supper. In faithfulness to our Lord's instruction to 'do this in remembrance of me' the Eucharist was accordingly regarded as an essential part of worship in the early church and today it remains the central liturgical activity of the baptised. The structure of this service follows the rite as laid out in the 1984 Book of Common. Prayer

Everything you need to follow the service is contained in this booklet. Please join in with the singing of the hymns, as well as the text printed in Bold. The § rubrics in this service indicating posture are suggestions only. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.

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on the north side of the cathedral.



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or video or sound recording in the cathedral at any time during this service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

§ *Please stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral.*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

§ *The central candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
The light of your incarnate Word
gives gladness to our hearts,
and consolation to the world.
Fill our lives with your light and truth,
until they overflow with gladness and praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against thee,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God 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.

All **Amen.**

§ *Please stand.*

All Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art Holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

All The Lord be with you
And with your spirit.

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, rejoicing in the coming of thy living and eternal Word, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their houlders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9. 2 - 7

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

All Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the nations:
and his wonders unto all people.

All For the Lord is great and highly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

All Glory and majesty are before him:
power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye families of the peoples:
ascribe unto the Lord honour and power.

All Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in raiment of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

All Tell it out among the nations 'The Lord is King:
it is he who hath made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he shall judge the peoples righteously.'

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar and all that therein is.

All Let the fields be joyful, and all that is in them:
yea let all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh to judge the earth:
in righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

A reading from St Paul's Letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2. 11 - 14

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

§ *Please stand.*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2. 1 – 20

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And 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 together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Let us pray for the whole Church of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, that all who confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Mary our Bishop, that they may by their life and doctrine proclaim thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

To all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present; that they may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, in thy mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, to direct with thy heavenly wisdom those who rule over the nations of the world, that thy people may be faithfully and justly governed; bless thy servant Charles our King and all who exercise authority under him.

Lord, in thy mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Of thy goodness, O Lord, help and comfort all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, granting them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, in thy mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant us with them everlasting light and peace.

Lord, in thy mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Finally, we bless thy holy Name for the grace and virtue declared in all thy Saints. Grant that we, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, may at thy Son's appearing be set with them on his right hand and be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

All **Hear us, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.**

§ *Please stand.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you;
And with your spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

All All things come of thee;
And of thine own do we give thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All The Lord be with you;
And with your spirit.

All Lift up your hearts;
We lift them up unto the Lord.

All Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us, who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that being himself without sin he might make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

All glory, praise and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God our heavenly Father, creator and sustainer of all things, maker of man in thine own image, who gavest thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. There he made the one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death until his coming again.

Therefore we beseech thee, O merciful Father, to sanctify with thy Holy Spirit these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, may be partakers of his most precious Body and Blood:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, 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 he took the Cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this,
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
Do this. as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, making the memorial of the blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, of thy dearly beloved Son as he hath commanded us, rejoicing in his gift of the Holy Spirit, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory, we thy servants, with all thy holy people, do set forth before thy Divine Majesty this Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation.

And we beseech thee to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to grant to us and thy whole Church remission of our sins and all other benefits of his Passion. And we pray that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and be numbered in the glorious company of thy saints.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, in whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, throughout all ages, world without end.

All **Amen.**

§ *The Priest breaks the Bread, saying:*

The Bread which we break;
All Is it not the communion of the Body of Christ?

We who are many are one Bread, one Body
All For we are all partakers of the one Bread.

§ *Then may be said:*

All We do not presume to come to this table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy table,
but thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

§ *Then may be said:*

All O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

As our Saviour Jesus Christ has taught we are bold to say:

All 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,
 The power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen

Draw near and receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ given for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

§ *The Priest and People receive Holy Communion. The sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

§ *Please stand.*

All O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious;
For his mercy endureth for ever.

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

All The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels and the peace of the Christ child, be God's gifts to you this Christmas tide.

<p>✠</p> <p>All</p>	<p>And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.</p>	<p>A bendith Duw hollalluog, y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad. Amen.</p>
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All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 In the name of Christ. Amen.

§ *The congregation remains standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Cathedral will close at 4.00pm each day from Wednesday 25th December until Sunday 5th January.

Thursday 26 th December <i>Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr</i>	9.30am Cymun Bendigaid
Friday 27 th December <i>John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
Saturday 28 th December <i>The Innocents</i>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 29 th December <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	8.00am Holy Eucharist [1984] 10.00am Sung Eucharist
Monday 30 th December	9.30am Holy Eucharist
Tuesday 31 st December	9.30am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 1 st January 2025 <i>The Naming of Jesus</i>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
Thursday 2 nd January	9.30am Cymun Bendigaid
Friday 3 rd January	9.30am Holy Eucharist
Saturday 4 th January	9.30am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 5 th January <i>The Epiphany of our Lord</i>	8.00am Holy Eucharist [1984] 9.00am Holy Eucharist with Baptism 11.00am Solemn Eucharist

On behalf of the Dean and Chapter of Llandaff Cathedral,
we wish you a Happy Christmas.

