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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

on The Nativity of our LORD

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
9.00am

Order of Service



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We are delighted to welcome you to this service at your Cathedral, which has been a site of Christian worship for over 1,500 years. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself to a member of clergy, who will be happy to tell you more about worship in this place.

Everything you need to follow this 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 (indicated with the '§' symbol) indicating when to *stand* and *sit* are only suggestions. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.

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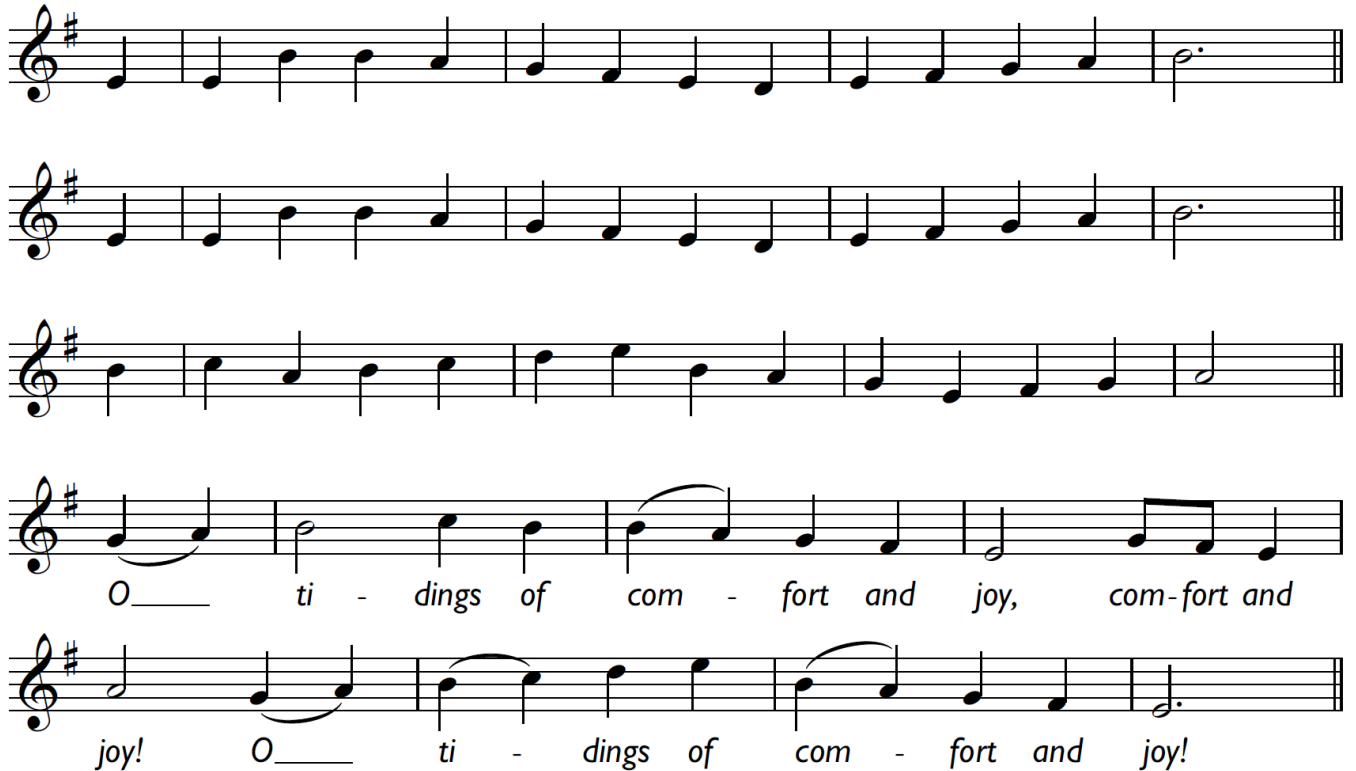
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

§ Notices are read before the service begins.

§ Please stand as the Procession enters. We sing together the **Opening Hymn**.



O \_\_\_\_\_ ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and  
joy! O \_\_\_\_\_ ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

All 1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ, our Saviour  
was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

2. From God our heav'nly father,  
a blessèd angel came,  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same;  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name.

*Refrain*

3. 'Fear not,' then said the angel,  
'let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Saviour  
of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's pow'r and might.'

*Refrain*

O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and  
 joy! O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

4. The shepherds at those tidings  
 rejoicèd much in mind,  
 and left their flocks afeeding  
 in tempest, storm and wind,  
 and went to Bethl'em straightway  
 this blessed babe to find.

*Refrain*

5. But when in Bethlehem they came,  
 where this dear infant lay;  
 they found him in a manger  
 where oxen feed on hay;  
 his mother Mary, kneeling down,  
 unto the Lord did pray.

*Refrain*

6. Now to the Lord sing praises  
 all you within this place,  
 and with true love and charity  
 each other now embrace.  
 This holy tide of Christmas  
 doth bring redeeming grace.

*Refrain*

Words: Traditional

Music: GOD REST YOU MERRY  
 London Carol Melody  
 Harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

## WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the  
 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab,  
 a'r Ysbryd Glân.

**Amen.**

All Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the  
 love of Christ.**

Gras a thangnefedd a fo gyda chwi  
**a'th gadw di yng  
 nghariad Crist.**

§ *Words of welcome are offered.*

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

Blessed be God

*All* **Who keeps His promises for ever.**

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 Jesus, Light of the world,  
you have come among us in great humility.  
Help us who live by your Holy Word  
to proclaim your Gospel and live the life of faith;  
for you are our God now and forever.  
Amen.**

The sun of righteousness has dawned  
with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the light of Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith

*All* **Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Gloria

§ We sing the Gloria, which begins with the words sung by the angels as they announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds:

Organ Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'nly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we\_

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

High - est. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are

sea-ted at the righthand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

Let us pray:

§ *After a short silence, the priest offers a prayer that 'collects' the prayers of the congregation and reflects the themes for the day. Following the collect, we respond:*

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born 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 your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

§ *Please sit.*

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

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 shoulders, 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*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

§ We stand to sing the Gradual Hymn, during which the Gospel is processed to the Nave:



All 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 Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: ANTIOCH  
W. Holford's Voce di Melodia c.1834  
Arranged by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



§ *Please remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

All **Glory to you, 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*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

§ *The organ plays as the Gospel is processed back to the front of the nave.*

**The Homily**

§ *Please sit.*

## The Baptismal Creed

§ *We stand to declare what we believe as Christians through the words of the Creed (from the Latin word 'Credo', meaning 'I believe'). These sentences represent the responses we make to the questions asked of us during the Baptismal Rite.*

*All*     **I believe and trust in God the Father, who created all that is.**

*Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn Nuw Dad, a greodd bopeth sydd.*

**I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind.**

*Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn ei Fab Iesu Grist, a brynodd ddynolryw.*

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.**

*Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn ei Ysbryd Glân, sy'n rhoi bywyd i bobl Dduw.*

**I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn un Duw, Dad, Mab ac Ysbryd Glân. Amen.*

## We Pray With The Church

§ *We sit or kneel for the prayers. We pray for the Church, for the nations of the world, and all those in need. We reply to each prayer with:*

*All*     Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Arglwydd, yn dy drugaredd gwrando ein gweddi.*

§ *The prayers finish with:*

*All*     Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Dad trugarog, derbyn y gweddiâu hyn er mwyn dy Fab ein Gwardwr Iesu Grist. Amen.*

## The Peace

§ *We stand and acknowledge each other's presence.*

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 with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Tangnefedd yr Arglwydd a fo gyda chwi bob amser.  
**A hefyd gyda thi.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

§ *The congregation share a sign of peace with one another.*

§ During the **Offertory Hymn**, the altar is prepared for Holy Communion with bread and wine, and a collection is taken to aid the cathedral in its work.



All 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!

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:  
Refrain

See how the shepherds,  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither  
bend our joyful footsteps:  
    Refrain



Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the Highest  
Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing  
Refrain

Words: Latin 18th Century  
tr. Frederick Oakley (1802–80)

Music: ADESTE FIDELES  
attrib. J.F. Wade (1711-86) arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

## WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

*All* **Amen.**

With this bread that we bring,

*All* **We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring,

*All* **We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood

*All* **Gifts from God to his table we bring**

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,

and on this night was born of the Virgin Mary

by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh

you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,

to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible

and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

§ We Sing:

*Organ*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Father in heaven,  
listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name;  
through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove,  
may this bread and this wine be for us  
Jesus' body and blood.

Father, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends  
the night before he died,  
he took the bread;  
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

'Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;  
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:

'All of you drink from this cup – because this is my blood –  
the new promise of God's love:  
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.'

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

All **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come in glory.**

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who died on the cross and rose again,  
we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with us  
and all who share this bread and drink from this cup.  
Help us to trust you, bring us closer together  
and welcome us, with all your people, into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

All honour and glory belong to you, Father, through Jesus, your Son,  
with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

*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.**

## **We Share The Gifts**

§ *The priest breaks the bread:*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*All*     **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

§ We sing the Agnus Dei, which is based on the words of John the Baptist when he saw Jesus:

Organ

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Organ

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Organ

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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

§ Everyone is invited to come forward and receive communion or a blessing. Please follow the direction of the stewards. You can indicate to the priest that you would like a blessing by keeping your arms lowered. For hygiene reasons, it is our custom at the cathedral not to dip the Host (bread) in the Chalice. The following words are used at the distribution:

The body of Christ. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ. **Amen.**





§ Once everyone has received Communion, we stand to sing the **Closing Hymn**.



All  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem:  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen 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 new-born King.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: MENDELSSOHN  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

# WE GO IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

*All* **his love is everlasting.**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

*All* **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;

✠ And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always.

*All* **Amen.**

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

§ *We remain standing as the clergy depart.*

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*The Cathedral will close at 4.00pm each day from  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January.*

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