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SOLEMN EUCHARIST

on The Nativity of our LORD

Wednesday 25th December 2024
11.00am

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. At this service, the liturgy is enhanced through the music provided by the Cathedral Choir, who sing the 'Ordinary' of the Mass (the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei).

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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ORDER OF SERVICE

§ Notices are read from the Lectern at 11.00am.

THE GATHERING

§ Please stand as the Procession enters. All sing:

THE ENTRANCE HYMN



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
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

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

Music: ADESTE FIDELES
attributed to J.F. Wade (1711-86)
arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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 may be offered.*

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

All Blessed be God
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:

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

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.

Dad nefol,
yr ydym wedi pechu ar feddwl,
gair a gweithred,
a heb wneud yr hyn a ddylem.
Mae'n wir ddrwg gennym,
ac yr ydym o ddifrif yn edifarhau.
Er mwyn dy Fab Jesu Grist
a fu farw drosom.
Maddeua inni'r cwbl a aeth heibio
ac arwain ni yn ei ffordd ef
I gerdded fel plant y goleuni. 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.

§ *Please stand.*

THE GLORIA

Choir Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth
peace, good will towards men.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias
agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam
tuam.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we
worship thee, we glorify thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glory.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens, Domine Fili
unigenite, Iesu Christe: Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis
peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui
tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

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.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus
Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu
Christe Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria
Dei Patris. Amen.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the
Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

Music: Mass in C major, K.317 "Krönungsmesse"
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

§ *Please sit.*

THE FIRST READING

Reader 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.

PSALM

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Psalm 96

Chant: W. Ronald Gates (1927-2016)

THE SECOND READING

A reading from St Paul's Letter to Titus.

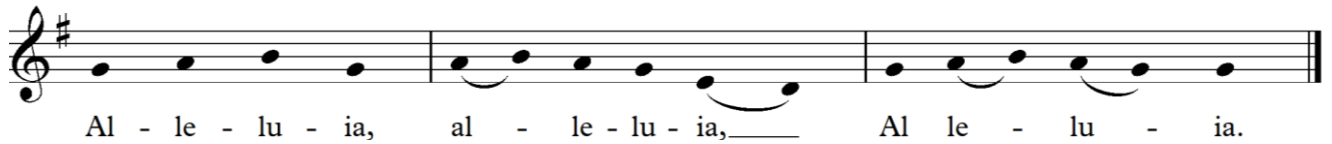
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus 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 and repeat the Gospel acclamation after the choir:



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Glory to God in the highest heaven:

And in earth peace among those whom he favours!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Listen to 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 is played as the Gospel procession returns to the High Altar.

§ *Please sit.*

THE NICENE CREED

§ *Please stand.*

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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 worshipped 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.

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, on this holy day your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress today. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

On this holy day Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Father, on this holy day angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

§ *Please stand.*

THE PEACE

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

The peace of the Lord
be with you always.

Tangnefedd yr Arglwydd
a fo gyda chwi bob amser.

All And also with you.

A hefyd gyda thi.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

§ *During the singing of the hymn, a collection will be taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.*



All See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
he who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim.

Refrain



High
Voices Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news to-day;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?

All *Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Low
Voices 'As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light:
angels, singing 'peace on earth',
told us of the Saviour's birth.'

All *Refrain*

Sacred Infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Refrain

Teach, O teach us, holy child,
by thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble thee
in thy sweet humility.

Refrain

Words: Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Music: HUMILITY
John Goss (1800-80)

THE 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

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, It will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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 day 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:

Choir Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua;
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Through him accept our sacrifice of praise, and grant that, by the power of your Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and his blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread and gave you 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. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father, remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son, we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup, your gifts to us, and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us who share this bread and this cup. Strengthen our faith, make us one and welcome us and all your people into the glorious kingdom of your Son. Through him, with him, in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever.
All Amen.

Clyw ni, Dad nefol, trwy Iesu Grist dy Fab ein Harglwydd. Trwyddo ef derbyn ein haberth
o foliant, a chaniatâ, trwy nerth dy Ysbryd, i'r rhoddion hyn o fara a gwin fod i ni ei gorff a'i waed ef; y nos y bradychwyd ef, cymerodd fara a rhoi diolch i ti; fe'i torrodd a'i roi i'w ddisgyblion, gan ddweud,
Cymerwch, bwyteuach; hwn yw fy nghorff a roddir drosoch. Gwnewch hyn er cof amdanaf.
Yr un modd, ar ôl swper, cymerodd y cwpan a rhoi diolch i ti; fe'i rhoddodd iddynt, gan ddweud,
Yfwch o hwn, bawb; oherwydd hwn yw fy ngwaed i, gwaed y cyfamod newydd, a dywelltir drosoch a thros lawer er maddeuant pechodau. Gwnewch hyn, bob tro yr yfwch ef, er cof amdanaf.

Gadewch inni gyhoeddi dirgelwch y fydd:
Bu farw Crist.
Atgyfododd Crist.
Daw Crist mewn gogoniant.

Felly, O Dad, gan gofio angau achubol ac atgyfodiad dy Fab,
offrymwn i ti mewn diolch y bara hwn a'r cwpan hwn, dy roddion inni, a diolchwn i ti am ein cyfrif yn deilwng i sefyll yn dy ŵydd a'th wasanaethu. Anfon dy Ysbryd Glân ar bawb ohonom sy'n rhannu'r bara hwn a'r cwpan hwn. Cryfha ein ffydd, gwna ni'n un a chroesawa ni a'th holl bobl i deyrnas ogoneddus dy Fab. Trwyddo ef, gydag ef, ac ynddo ef, yn undod yr Ysbryd Glân eiddot ti, Dad hollalluog, yw'r holl anrhydedd a'r gogoniant yn oes oesoedd.
Amen.

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.

Fel y dysgodd ein Hiachawdwr ni, gweddiwn
yn hyderus:

Ein Tad,
yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,
sancteiddier dy enw,
deled dy deyrnas,
gwneled dy ewyllys;
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol
a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth;
eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas,
a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

§ *The priest breaks the bread:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one 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.

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.

§ *Those who wish to may come forward to receive communion or a blessing when invited to by the stewards. The sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ. Amen.

The blood of Christ. Amen.

§ *During communion, the Agnus Dei and the following Motets are sung:*

Choir	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
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	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.	Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
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Deep in the cold of winter,
Darkness and silence were everywhere;
Softly and clearly, there came through the stillness
a wonderful sound to hear:
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring:
'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sing.

Lost in awe and wonder,
Doubting I asked what this sign might be:
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,
A marvellous sight to see.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.

He comes down in peace, a child in humility,
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor;
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,
gold incense and myrrh.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring:
'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sweetly sing.

Words and Music: All bells in Paradise
John Rutter (b.1945)

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you;
Christ the babe was born for you.

Words: *W Żłobie leży króź pobieży*
Attrib. Piotrowi Skardze (1536-1612)
Paraphrased by Edith M. G. Reed (1885-1933)

Music: Traditional Polish Carol
arr. Mack Wilberg (b.1955)

§ *Once all have received, please stand to sing:*

POST-COMMUNION 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)

THE DISMISSAL

§ *Please remain standing.*

All Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
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.

All Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when the Lord comes again we may shine as lights before him, who is alive and reigns in glory for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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.

✠	And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.	A bendith Duw hollalluog, y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad.
All	Amen.	Amen.

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.*

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Final (Symphony No. 1)
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

§ *The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship.
Please respect the stillness of those who wish to remain seated until it has ended.*

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,
we wish you a Happy Christmas

