

HYMN (NEH 10) *sung by the Choir*

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human:

Refrain

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected,
Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!

Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

F. Pratt Green 1903- 2000

The President says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary: Boëllmann: *Toccata*

Christmas at Carlisle Cathedral

Some of our Christmas services are already fully booked. To check availability please either google 'Carlisle Cathedral Eventbrite' or follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/carlisle-cathedral-31567463189>

For live-streamed services, please go to the Cathedral Facebook page.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 27 December

The Feast of John the Evangelist

1030 Cathedral Eucharist with hymns sung by one of our Lay Clerks

1500 Evening Prayer (said)

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CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

**The Cathedral Eucharist
on the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sunday 20 December 2020 at 10.30am

Welcome to Carlisle Cathedral.

Cathedral Sidespersons are available to help, please ask if you have any particular needs. Please help us to make everyone as safe as possible. The use of a face covering is now required by the Government unless a medical condition excludes you. This service will be live-streamed.

Collection

Due to COVID-19 the collection is no longer taken during the service. Instead, please make your gift as you leave - either by leaving cash in the collection baskets, or by using a contactless card with the machines near the Cathedral door. Thank you very much.

Our worship and ministry, as well as maintaining this beautiful building, are all made possible by your support and the support of our visitors.

The President at the Eucharist is:

The Very Revd Mark Boyling, Dean

The Preacher at the Eucharist is:

The Revd Canon Michael Manley, Canon Missioner

The Consort sings under the direction of the Assistant Organist, Mr Edward Taylor. The organ is played by the Organ Scholar, Mr Stephen Crookes.

Voluntary: Boëllmann: *Prière à Notre-Dame*

Setting: Wills: *Missa Eliensis*

THIS AFTERNOON

At 2pm & 4pm - Hurry to Bethlehem Carol Service.

We gather

The Dean introduces the service.

HYMN (NEH 11) *sung by the Choir*

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

Cologne 1710, based on the ancient
Advent Antiphons
Tr T.A. Lacey 1853 -1931 and Editors

The Greeting

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

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We confess

People of God: prepare!
God, above all, maker of all,
is one with us in Christ.
Maranatha!
Come, Lord Jesus!

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God:

Heavenly Father,
you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus,
you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:
be planted also in our hearts and lives.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Holy Spirit,
you overshadowed Mary,
that she might become the God-bearer:
fill us with your heavenly gifts.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Kyries *sung by the Choir*

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The President says the words of Absolution:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sit

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

We break and share the bread

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

*At the administration, Communion will be offered
in one kind only at the Sanctuary step.*

*During the administration the Choir sings the Agnus
Dei and the Motet: Lindley: Ave Maria.*

We are sent out

Prayer after Communion

The President says:

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work to your praise and
glory.
Amen.

The Blessing

The President says:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes
in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN (NEH 295) *sung by the Choir*

Sit

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

Liturgy of St James
Tr Gerard Moultrie 1829-85

We take

- ◆ Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

We give thanks

The priest and choir sing

Stand

- ◆ The Lord be with you and also 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 thanks and praise.

The Choir sings:

- ◆ *Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

These responses are said:

- ◆ **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**
- ◆ **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We hear the Word

Sit

A Reading from Scripture: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

At the end of the reading:

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

HYMN (NEH 161) *sung by the Choir*

For Mary, Mother of the Lord
God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored
As on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word
She should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly.

The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
And so God's will was done;
The second Eve love's answer made
Which our redemption won.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace
In birth and death confessed.

J.R. Peacey 1896-1971

The Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

Stand

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

The Sermon: The Revd Canon Michael Manley

We affirm our faith

Stand

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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.

We pray for others

Sit

The following responses are used:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

We celebrate

Stand

The President introduces the Peace and says:

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.