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**THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

Saturday 25th December 2021
10.30am



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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

The President at the Eucharist is:

The Rt Revd James Newcome, *Bishop of Carlisle*

The Preacher at the Eucharist is:

The Very Revd Mark Boyling, *Dean*

The Deacon at the Eucharist is:

The Revd Canon Michael Manley, *Canon Missioner*

The Eucharist is sung by The Boy Choristers and Lay Clerks under the direction of The Director of Music, Mr Mark Duthie. The organ is played by the Assistant Organist, Mr Edward Taylor.

The Voluntaries before the service are:

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) *Chorale Prelude 'Vom Himmel hoch'*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) *Nativité*

John Ireland (1879-1962) *The Holy Boy*

Henry Ley (1887-1962) *Cradle song*

The Setting is: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924):

Communion Service in B flat opus 10 with the 'Coronation' Gloria opus 128

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 30)

Stand

**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:**

**See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God
In the Highest:**

*Words and melody: J. F. Wade (c.1711-86)
Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

We gather

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.

The President introduces the service

We prepare

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We confess

The President invites us to confess our sins to Almighty God

Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us call to mind our sins and confess them to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
And direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*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 Gloria

sung by the Choir

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept for a space

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We hear the Word

Sit

The First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2–4, 6–7 (NRSV)

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 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (NEH 39)

Stand

**UNTO us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.**

**Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he all men surpasses.**

**Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.**

**Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.**

*Words: Latin, 15th century
Translated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Melody from Piae Cantiones (1582)*

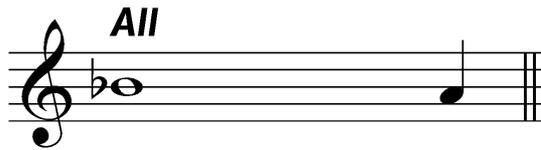
The Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1-14 (NRSV)

The Choir sings the antiphon and all repeat it

Philip Duffy

The musical notation is a single staff in 6/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff: 'To-day a Sa-viour has been born to us, He_ is Christ the Lord.' There is a checkmark above the second measure of the melody.

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



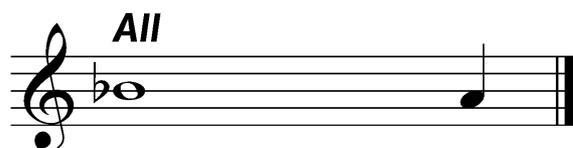
Glory to you, O Lord.

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!'

This is the gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The organist plays in honour of the Gospel reading.

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

After each bidding the response is used:

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

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

We celebrate

Stand

*The President introduces **The Peace:***

Today the angels sing on earth:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights'.

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

During the following hymn a collection will be taken. Please help support the Cathedral's work and also our chosen charities: Eden Valley Hospice and Project Riandu, a school for deaf children in Kenya. Those who have already donated to the Cathedral today by card or on-line should pass the plate without embarrassment. Thank you.

OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 32)

**O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.**

**O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.**

**How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.**

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-93)

Music: Traditional English melody

Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

We take

Bread and wine, symbols of our lives and the life of the world, are placed on the altar and offered to God.

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.**

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 this, all of you;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

Child, for us sinners

**Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;**

**Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?**

O come, let us adore him....

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him....**

The Lord's Prayer

Sit

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among
us, 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 the bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

We share the bread

Communion is offered in one kind only at the Sanctuary step.

*The Choir sings the **Benedictus**, the **Agnus Dei** and the **Motet***

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Motet Candlelight Carol

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother?
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria! Gloria in excelsis deo,
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.*

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep,
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour,
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger,
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay;
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation,
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

Words and music: John Rutter (1945-)

We are sent out

Prayer after Communion

The President says:

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.

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

Stand

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN (NEH 26)

**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.**

**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.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) and others
Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)*

The President says:

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Voluntary is:
David Briggs (1962-) *Sortie on 'In Dulci Jubilo'*

**The Dean and Chapter
wish you
comfort and joy
at Christmas**

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