

**CARLISLE  
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**THE CHRISTMAS  
MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST**

**Friday 24th December 2021**  
**11.30pm**



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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

**The President at the Eucharist is:**

The Very Revd Mark Boyling, *Dean*

**The Preacher at the Eucharist is:**

The Revd Canon Dr Benjamin Carter, *Canon Warden*

**The Deacon at the Eucharist is:**

Mrs Kate Whiteford, *Reader*

The Eucharist is sung by The Girl 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:

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995) *Prelude on 'The Holly and the Ivy'*

Pietro Yon (1886-1943) *Pastorale 'Gesù Bambino'*

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) *Offertoire sur deux Noëls*

Healey Willan (1880-1968) *Prelude on 'This endris nyght'*

The Setting is: Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791) *Missa Brevis in B flat K.275*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN (AHON 588)

*Stand*

**ON Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.**

**Then why should we on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
Then why should we on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?**

**All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
'Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore. Amen.'**

*Words and music: Traditional English Carol  
Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## ***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 Deacon 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.

God, our Father, you sent your son into the world full of grace and truth. Forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger. Forgive our selfishness and rejection of your ways.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call; forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Lord, 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 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*

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the  
brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the  
revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly  
glory; 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.**

## **The First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7–10 (NRSV)**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

*Stand*

**SILENT** night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

**Silent** night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glory streams from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing 'Alleluia!'  
Christ, the Saviour, is born.

**Silent** night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Words: Josef Mohr (1792-1848)  
Anonymous translation  
Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)  
Arranged by Mark Duthie (1967-)*

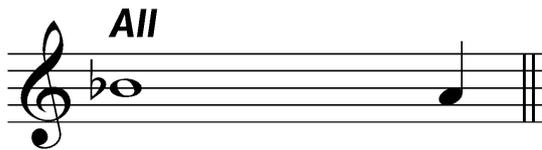
## The Gospel Reading: John 1: 1–14 (NRSV)

The Choir sings the antiphon and all repeat it

Philip Duffy



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

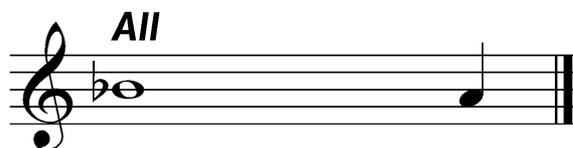


**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the gospel of the Lord.



**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays in honour of the Gospel reading.*

**The Sermon:** Revd Canon Dr Benjamin Carter

*Sit*

***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:***

This holy night the angels sang,  
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights'.

*Luke 2:14*

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 30)**

**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: Latin 18th century  
Translated by Frederick Oakley (1802-80)  
Melody attributed to J. F. Wade (c.1711-86)*

## **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.**



and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to 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 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 **Agnus Dei** and the **Motet***

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** A child is born in Bethlehem

A child is born in Bethlehem, and joy is in Jerusalem,  
Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, *Benedicamus Domino*,  
To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, thou Son of Mary, mother-maid,  
To Holy Trinity give praise, with *Deo Gracias* always,  
Alleluia.

*Words: 14th century Latin hymn  
Music: Philip Stopford (1977-)*

## **We are sent out**

**Prayer after Communion**

*The President says:*

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.

**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.  
*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) 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:

Garth Edmundson (1892-1971) *Toccata on 'Vom Himmel Hoch'*

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

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