

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

THE EUCHARIST ON THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

We are delighted to welcome The Revd Dr Alex Wimberly, Leader of the Corrymela Community as our preacher this morning.

Advent Carol Service - Sunday 3 December at 6.30pm

Please join us for a most powerful beginning to the season of Advent, with traditional readings and hymns by candlelight, under the splendour of our iconic starlit ceiling. All welcome!

Sunday 19th November 2023
10.30am

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The President at the Eucharist is:

The Very Revd Jonathan Brewster, *Dean of Carlisle*

The Preacher at the Eucharist is:

The Revd Dr Alex Wimberly, *Leader of the Corrymela Community*

The Deacon and Intercessor at the Eucharist is:

The Revd Canon Dr Benjamin Carter, *Canon Warden*

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 assisted by the Organ Scholar, Mr David T. Shingler.

The Setting is: *Kelly Westminster Service*

The Voluntary before the service is: *Whitlock: After an old French Air & Dolcezza*

Through this order of service there are indications to stand and sit. You should feel free to follow these only as far as you are able or comfortable.

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Stand

Processional Hymn

**Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son;**

**Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty power:
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.**

**Stand then in his great might,
With all his strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.**

**Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul:
Take every virtue, every grace,
And fortify the whole.**

**From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.**

**That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.**

NEH 449. Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: St Ethelwald, by William Henry Monk (1823-89)

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 the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

We sit as 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 introduces the confession with these words:

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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.

Stand

The Gloria

Sung by the Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

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

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu 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.

*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.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris, Amen.

*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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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:

A reading from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (NRSV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual Hymn

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

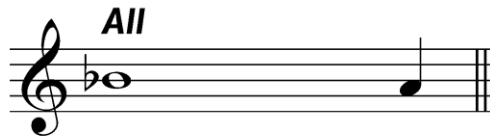
**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*NEH 339. Words: Irish c. 8th century
Translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931) Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
Music: Slane, a Traditional Irish melody*

The Gospel Reading

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



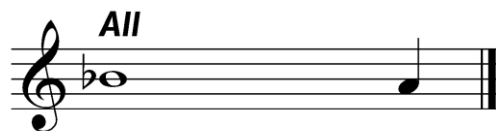
Glory to you, O Lord.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents

also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25: 14–30 (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

The Sermon

The Revd Dr Alex Wimberly, *Leader of the Corrymela Community*

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

We kneel or sit to pray

After each bidding the following 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

We stand as the President introduces the Peace and says:

We are all one in Christ.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of Peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the following hymn a collection will be taken. Those who have already donated to the Cathedral today by card or on-line should pass the plate without embarrassment. Thank you.

**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

You give us breath and speech, that with
angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a
voice to sing your praise:

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis!
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.*

The President continues

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

The Deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died: Christ is ri-sen: Christ will come a - gain.

The President continues:

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

All



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power be_
yours for e-ver and ev - er A - - men.

We kneel or sit to pray

The Lord's Prayer

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.

If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to have a blessing, please come forward carrying this service paper – to let the ministers know.

Our normal practice is to receive the wafer into the hand; please do not dip the wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please feel free to take the wafer only. The fullness of Christ is received in the bread alone.

The sidespersons and vergers will indicate when to move. Please follow their directions.

The Choir sings:

The Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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

The Motet

O sacred banquet!
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
Alleluia.

Jonathan Millican

Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.

We stand to receive God's blessing

The Blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,
who has transformed those we remember today,
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;
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

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

*NEH 377. Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
Music: St. Denio, from John Roberts's Caniadau y Cyssegre (1839)*

The President says:

**Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The organ voluntary after the service is: Whitlock: *Sortie*

There will be a Taizé Service at 4.15pm this afternoon in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

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