

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNG EUCHARIST

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024
11.15AM

WELCOME

We have been worshipping the God of Jesus Christ in this cathedral church for over 900 years. We are delighted that you are joining our community in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life here or would like to become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to join us for coffee after this service and make yourself known to a member of the clergy.

This booklet contains all you will need to follow the service. Please ask a Steward if you would like a large-print copy.

The celebrant at this service is The Dean, The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler, and the sung Mass Setting is the *Coronation Mass K317* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

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ORDER OF SERVICE

From 11.10am, please maintain a prayerful silence in preparation for the service.

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.**

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

NEH 9

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Helmsley

Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799)

Included in Wesley's Select Hymns (1765)

THE GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Dcn When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All **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.**

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The president pronounces the 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.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Please stand.

HYMN

At the end:
A - men.

**Lift up your heads ye mighty gates,
behold the King of glory waits,
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Saviour of the world is here.**

O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ as ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this king in triumph comes.

Come then, O Saviour, and abide,
our hearts to thee be open wide;
may all thy inward presence feel,
to all thy grace and love reveal. Amen.

NEH 8
George Weissel (1590-1635)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Gonfalon Royal
Percy Buck (1871-1947)

THE GOSPEL READING

Please remain standing. The choir leads the Gospel Acclamation:



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

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

Luke 21: 25-36

Please remain standing until the Sermon has been introduced.

SERMON

*The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron
Treasurer*

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,
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or stand. These responses are used:

All Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Please stand.

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
All **and also with you.**

Dcn Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

When exchanging the Peace, please be mindful and respectful of others' personal boundaries.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

As we sing, the bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a collection is taken.

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**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.**

*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.

Ring, bells, ring...

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
till the time expected
nurtured and protected.

Ring, bells, ring...

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!

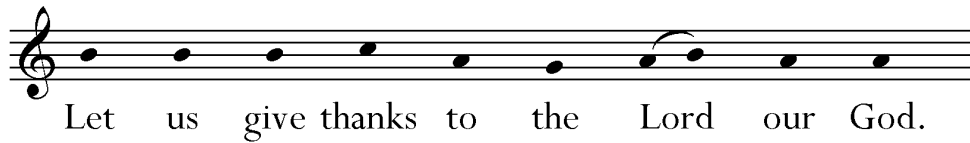
NEH 10

F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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Melody from Piaae Cantiones (1582)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed
before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,	<i>God of power and might,</i>
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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.

Dcn Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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:

All

Bles - sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power
be yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

Please remain standing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

The president and people receive communion. Please sit until directed by the Stewards.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion if they wish. Please indicate if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the communion station and bow your head.

After you have received communion, please try to maintain a prayerful silence.

During communion, the choir sings

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: 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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

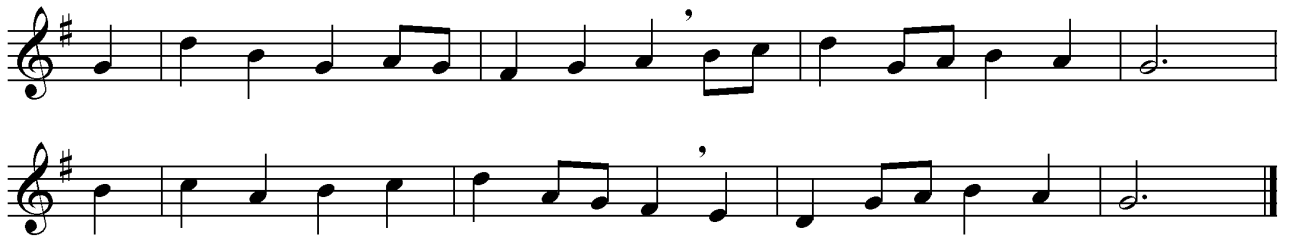
All **Amen.**

NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

Please stand.

HYMN



The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

**For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou, in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.**

NEH 15
John Milton (1608-1674)

St Stephen
William Jones (1726-1800)

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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.

All **Amen.**

Dcn Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

PRELUDE IN C MINOR BWV 546

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the procession departs, and then sit for a period of quiet contemplation as the organ voluntary is played.

All are invited to join us for coffee in the South Transept after this service, where there will be the opportunity to meet our clergy and other members of our community.

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