



CHELMSFORD  
CATHEDRAL



## ***The Holy Eucharist Advent Sunday***

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
at 11.15am*

*President: The Revd Canon Sebastian Harries  
Preacher: The Rev'd Richard Lloyd Morgan*

**Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral.** Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off and keep your belongings with you.

**Music.** The mass is the Communion Service in A minor by Harold Darke (1888-1976). The choir is directed by Emma Gibbins, Director of Music. The organ is played by Samuel Bristow, the Assistant Director of Music.

**Receiving communion.** All who have been baptised are invited to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing as is your custom. Baptised children who receive communion must do so with their adult carer. Please come in two single files down the centre of the nave to one of the communion stations, and hold out your hands to receive the consecrated bread. **Please do not intinct** (dip) the wafer into the consecrated wine. To receive a blessing please bow your head. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please speak to one of the stewards on duty.

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**Music before the service**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

# The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed.

Please stand as the choir sing:

## Advent Responsory

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.  
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:  
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house; where our fathers praised thee.*

## Hymn

VENI EMMANUEL

Melody ' adapted from a French Missal'  
by Thomas Helmore 1811-1890

*Unison*

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice...*

*Tr John M Neale (1818-1866)*

## **The Greeting**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

## **The Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath**

*The president introduces the theme of the Advent Candle and lights the candle.*

*Deacon* 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.**

*Remain standing as the choir sing Kyrie Eleison:*

### **Kyrie eleison**

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.*

### **Absolution**

*President*      **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

*President* 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*



A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

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.**

## Psalm 25. 1-9

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## The Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

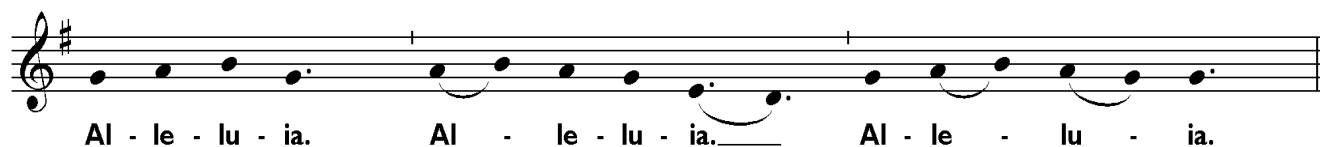
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

## Gospel Acclamation



*Choir* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*All* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

*All* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

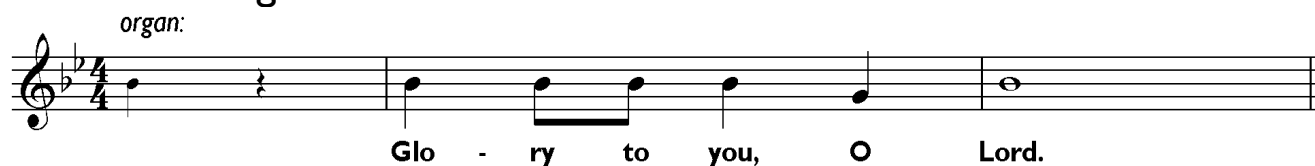
## The Gospel Reading

*Luke 21:25-36*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

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



‘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 does not 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## The Sermon

*The Rev'd Richard Lloyd Morgan*

*Please stand.*

## The Nicene Creed

**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**

*President* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*The congregation sits or kneels.*

*At the end of the prayers the intercessor may say*

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

*At the end of the intercessions, please stand.*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*President* 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.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

## Hymn

WACHET AUF

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)



Wake, o wake! with tidings thrilling  
the watchmen all the air are filling,  
arise, Jerusalem, arise!  
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,  
"The hour has come!" we hear them saying.  
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes in sight,  
raise high your torches bright!  
Alleluia!  
The wedding song  
swells long and strong:  
go forth and join the festal throng.



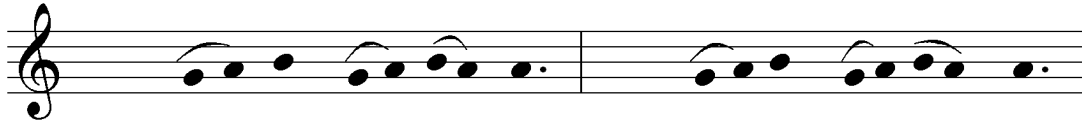
Sion hears the watchmen shouting,  
 her heart leaps with joy undoubting,  
     she stands and waits with eager eyes;  
 see her Friend from heaven descending,  
 adorned with truth and grace unending!  
     Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.  
 Now come, thou precious Crown,  
 Lord Jesus, God's own Son!  
     Hosanna!  
 Let us prepare  
 to follow there,  
 where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;  
 from men and from angelic voices  
     be glory given to thee alone!  
 Now the gates of pearl receive us,  
 thy presence never more shall leave us,  
     we stand with angels round thy throne.  
 Earth cannot give below  
 the bliss thou dost bestow.  
     Alleluia!  
 Grant us to raise  
 to length of days,  
 the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

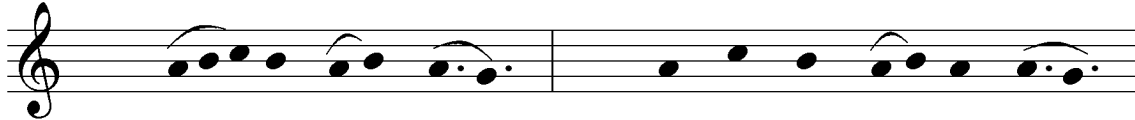
Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
 trans. Francis Crawford Burkitt (1864-1935)

*Please remain standing.*

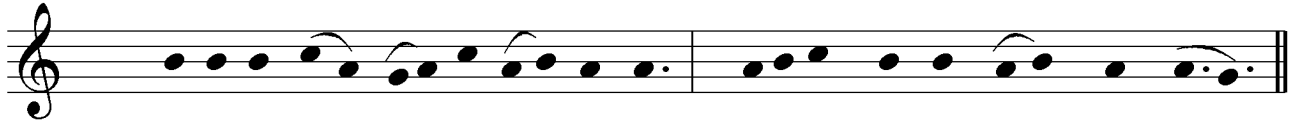
## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you R: And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. R: We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 the Sanctus and Benedictus*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.



Great is the mys- te - ry of faith: Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, Peter, Cedd  
and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*President*    Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour gave us

*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**

*President*    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.**

*The choir sings the Agnus Dei*

## **Agnus Dei**

*O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

## **The Giving of Communion**

*President* Jesus is 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.**

*To indicate if you wish to receive Communion, please hold out your hands. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.*

## **Motet**

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.  
It blooms without a blight,  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.  
Our God of endless might,  
Gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

*Words: William Bartholomew (1793-1867) Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)*



We remain sitting for the communion hymn.

## Hymn

ST STEPHEN (NEWINGTON)

William Jones (1726-1800)



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.

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674)*

## Prayer after Communion

*President* 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.**

All

**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.**

## Notices

### *The Dismissal*

*Please stand.*

## Hymn

ST THOMAS

William Amps (1824-1910)



○ child of promise, come;  
○ come, Emmanuel;  
come, prince of peace, to David's throne;  
come, God, with us to dwell.

The Lord's true servant, come,  
in whom is his delight,  
on whom his Holy Spirit rests,  
the gentiles' promised light.

○ come, anointed one,  
to show blind eyes your face;  
good tidings to the poor announce;  
proclaim God's year of grace.

○ man of sorrows, come,  
despised and cast aside;  
○ bear our griefs, and by your wounds  
redeem us from our pride.

○ come, Messiah King,  
to reign in endless light,  
when heavenly peace at last goes forth  
from Sion's holy height.

*Words: James Quinn SJ (1919-2010)*

## The Blessing

*The president blesses the people.*

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.**

*Deacon*   
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*   
In the name of Christ. A - men.

## Organ Voluntary

Toccata on 'Wachet Auf'

*David Halls (b.1963)*

*Please remain standing as the ministers depart.*

## Music Notes

Today's final voluntary was the winner of York Minster's 2021 Grand Organ Composers' Competition, an event celebrating the refurbishment of the Minster's monumental instrument. Halls, long-serving Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral, utilises the opening phrase of this beloved Advent hymn as the motivic material for the virtuosic flourishes prevalent throughout the work. The resounding conclusion pays direct homage to the chorale prelude on the same melody by J.S. Bach.

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