



CHELMSFORD
CATHEDRAL



The Holy Eucharist
The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8th December at 11.15am

President: The Revd Canon Kate Moore
Preacher: The Very Revd Paul Kennington

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 setting is the Mass for the Quiet Hour by George Oldroyd (1886-1951). 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

Rorate Coeli

Melissa Dunphy (b.1980)

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.

We have sinned and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us,
because of our iniquities.

Hymn

CRUCIFER

Refrain

Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

Fling wide the gates, un - bar the an-cient doors, sa - lute your king in his
tri - umph-ant cause!

Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord:
let all creation greet the living Word!

Refrain

Who has the right to worship him today?
All those who gladly serve him and obey.

Refrain

He comes to save all those who trust his name,
and will declare them free from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Who is the victor glorious from the fight?
He is our king, our life, our Lord, our right!
*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors;
salute your king in his triumphant cause!*

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

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 and lights the Advent Candles.

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 the Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

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

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.

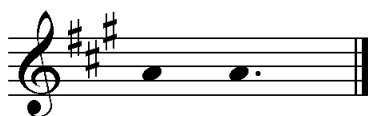
All **Amen.**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All



A - men.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Benedictus

1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
2 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
4 That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us;
5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;
6 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us,
7 That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
might serve him without fear,
8 In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.

9 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins;
11 Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
12 To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of
death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Second Reading
Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Very Revd Paul Kennington

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

Hymn

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line and a fermata over the word 'men.'.

1 Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest Thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

2 Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised Fruit to man displayed.

3 From God the Father He proceeds,
To God the Father back He speeds;
His course He runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

4 O equal to the Father, Thou!
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

6 O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Words: St Ambrose (c. 340-397) translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Please remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major. It consists of two measures of music, each with a slur over the notes.

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

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major. It consists of two measures of music, each with a slur over the notes.

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

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major. It consists of two measures of music, each with a slur over the notes, ending with a double bar line.

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.*

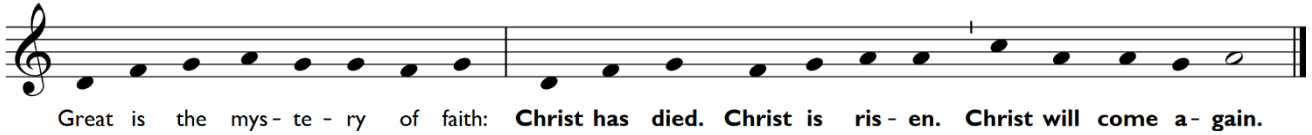
Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he 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

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create,
The next thing which to you I'll tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice
To place them both in Paradise,
There to remain, from evil free,
Except they ate of such a tree.

And they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin.
Ruined themselves, both you and me,
And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose,
And so a promise soon did run,
That he would redeem us by his Son.

Words: Traditional

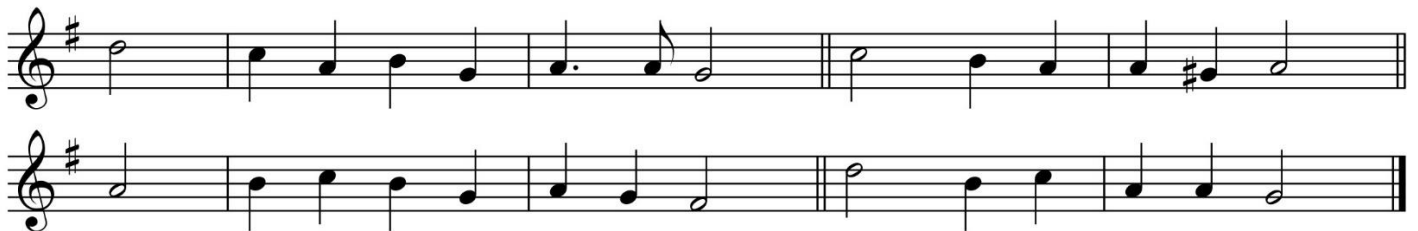
Music: English traditional arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

We remain sitting for the communion hymn.

Hymn

BRISTOL

From Thomas Ravenscroft's *Psalmes* 1621



Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

2 He comes the prisoners to
release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy belovèd name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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

PERSONENT HODIE

Melody from *Piae Cantiones* 1582

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!'. The second staff is a piano accompaniment. The third staff continues the piano accompaniment with the instruction 'Ring, bells, ring, ring,' above it. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

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.

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

Journey ends! Where afar
Beth'lem 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.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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.**



Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme BWV 645

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the ministers depart.

Music Notes

The music after the service, based on the Lutheran advent chorale 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme' [Wake, O wake! The voice calls us], comes from a collection of chorale preludes by Bach commonly known as the 'Schübler Chorales' (BWV 645-650) – as Johann Georg Schübler published them in the 1740s. BWV 645 is written for 2 manuals and pedals with a wandering right hand melody contrasting the bold chorale melody played by the left hand. Both melodies are underpinned by an interesting bassline which showcases Bach's mastery of counterpoint.

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Join us for Christmas at the Cathedral

Advent Procession

Sunday 1st December at 6pm

Start the Christmas season by candlelight with readings and music sung by the Cathedral Choir. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies provided by the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral.

Midday Carols

Fridays 13th and 20th December at midday

Take a break from Christmas shopping to sing carols and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies!

Christingle Service

Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm

Perfect for young children, find out why the Christingle, a little lighted candle in an orange, helps us tell the Christmas story.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 15th December at 6pm and

Friday 20th at 7pm

Sing Christmas carols by the light of our Christmas tree in the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd December at 6.30pm

A traditional carol service led by the Cathedral Choir with readings and congregational singing.

Christmas Jumper Carols

Monday 23rd December at 11am

Bring the children along for a family-friendly sing-a-long of Christmas carols. don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers!

Crib Service

Tuesday 24th December at 3pm

In this interactive service children are invited to dress up as characters from the nativity and help retell the Christmas story.

Midnight Mass

Tuesday 24th December at 11.30pm

A traditional Choral Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir to welcome Christmas Day. Incense will be used during this service.

Said Eucharist

Wednesday 25th December at 8am

Book of Common Prayer Eucharist on Christmas Day.

All-Age Eucharist on Christmas Morning

Wednesday 25th December at 9.30am

Joyful family service for Christmas morning.

Christmas Day Choral Eucharist

Wednesday 25th December at 11.15am

Join the Cathedral Choir to celebrate Christmas Day in a special service led by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Incense will be used during this service.