



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

11.00am

Quire

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

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William Byrd (c.1540-1623), Mass for five voices

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We somewhat mislead people by suggesting that the season of Advent prepares us for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is truer to say that the season prepares us for the second coming of Christ. The scriptures speak of Christ's return to complete the work he has begun and that is to be 'very soon' because the new life of the Kingdom has already been inaugurated. The creed and other texts relate his second coming to his merciful but comprehensive judgement of the world – 'he will come again to judge the living and the dead'. So the major theme to Advent is judgement.

Judgement has become pejorative for many. We confuse Jesus saying not to be judgemental with our deep need for judgement. This is about an honest reckoning about the ways we both manage to live lovingly and gratefully and the ways we have failed. For some personalities or for some with certain kinds of mental illness, this can lead to an obsessiveness with failure and sin. However, there is also a proper, healthy accountability needed by which we can grow and learn and turn in a different direction. This is repentance.

I could begin to list how that Godly judgement impacts how we see others, especially the little, the least and the lost. However, this Advent in the church we are very aware of the judgement which sits facing us with respect to our failures in safeguarding and repeated patterns of abuse. This abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual and incidences of cruel deprivation or harshness leading to long term trauma. The Makin review of the activity of John Smyth makes sickening reading and has led to Archbishop Justin resigning.

Our practices and processes are much improved but they all rely on human consistency and diligence. This cathedral has cases of historic abuse which are horrifying. Alarmingly, I still encounter people who can't see the point of safeguarding or don't see it has anything to do with them. Whilst some of us carry particular responsibility, the responsibility and hence the judgement falls on us all. If anyone ever has any concern email [safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org) or speak to one of us.

This Advent I invite us to welcome the judgement of God and to welcome the judgement of those who have been hurt or harmed by our church. Such judgement is a gift if and when it helps us learn and find the ways that lead to healing and life in all its fullness. As the Transport for London motto now says 'see it, say it, sort it'.

Dean David

# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



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.

<sup>3</sup>Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid;  
Till the time expected,  
Nurtured and protected.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes, When he comes,  
Who will make him welcome?*

<sup>4</sup>Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!

<sup>2</sup>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, ring, ring!  
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome!*

Words: F. Pratt Green, (1903-2000)

Tune: PERSONENT HODIE

AM 75

*The President says*

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.**

**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.**

*The President introduces*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'  
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

*Remain standing to say*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*Remain standing as the choir sings*

## **Kyrie Eleison**

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Kyrie eleison   | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i>   |
| Christe eleison | <i>Christ, have mercy.</i> |
| Kyrie eleison   | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i>   |

*The President says*

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 Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Reading

*Micah 5.2-5a*

The Lord says to his people:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 80.1-8*

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

*Stand as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond*



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

**Alleluia.**

*Remain standing*

## **The Gospel**

*Luke 1.39-55*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a Gospel fanfare*

*Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit*

**Sermon** The Reverend Dr T J N Naish, Canon Librarian

*After the Sermon, a few moments of silence are kept as we reflect on what we have heard and then the choir sings*

## **The Motet**

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space;  
*Res miranda.*

By that rose we may well see  
There be one God in persons three,  
*Pares forma.*

Now leave we all this worldly mirth  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus.*

*Words: Mediæval Carol*

*Music: John Joubert (1927-2019)*

*Stand to say*

## **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.**



*Please sit or kneel when the President says 'Let us pray'*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*One of these responses is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*Stand*

*The President says*

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another.*

*Remain standing to sing*

**The Offertory Hymn** *during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. If you would prefer to give electronically, please use the QR code.*





Into the darkness of this world,  
 into the shadows of the night,  
 into this loveless place you came,  
 lightened our burdens, eased our pain,  
 and made these hearts your home.  
 Into the darkness once again,  
 O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Into the longing of our souls,  
 into these heavy hearts of stone,  
 shine on us now your piercing light,  
 order our lives and souls aright,  
 by grace and love unknown,  
 until in you our hearts unite –  
 O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Refrain*

*Come with your love to make us whole.  
 Come with your light to lead us on,  
 driving the darkness far from our souls:  
 O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

O Holy Child, Emmanuel,  
 Hope of the ages, God with us,  
 visit again this broken place,  
 till all the earth declares your praise  
 and your great mercies own.  
 Now let your love be born in us –  
 O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come in your glory, take your place,  
 Jesus, the Name above all names,  
 we long to see you face to face:  
 O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Words and Music: Maggi Dawn (b. 1959)

AM 40

*The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love;  
 make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli 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.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The President says*

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say,  
each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Notre Père...*

*Vater Unser...*

*Onze Vader...*

*Padre Nuestro...*

*Ojcze Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*Remain standing for*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Sit as the President and other ministers begin*

## **The Distribution of Communion**

*Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host**.*

*We request that **you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.*

*If you wish to receive communion without climbing the steps to the High Altar, please join the line for the station in the North-East Transept. We keep a **prayerful silence** during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.*

*During Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

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

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

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

*After the Agnus Dei, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing, remaining seated*



Word of justice, alleluia,  
come to dwell here. Maranatha!

<sup>7</sup>Word of gladness, alleluia,  
fill our hearts now. Maranatha!

<sup>2</sup>Word of mercy, alleluia,  
live among us. Maranatha!

<sup>8</sup>Word of wisdom, alleluia,  
come, renew us. Maranatha!

<sup>3</sup>Word of power, alleluia,  
live within us. Maranatha!

<sup>9</sup>Word we long for, alleluia,  
Word we thirst for. Maranatha!

<sup>4</sup>Word of freedom, alleluia,  
save your people. Maranatha!

<sup>10</sup>Key of David, alleluia,  
Son of Mary. Maranatha!

<sup>5</sup>Word of healing, alleluia,  
heal our sorrow. Maranatha!

<sup>11</sup>Cry of prophets, alleluia,  
hope of ages, Maranatha!

<sup>6</sup>Word of comfort, alleluia,  
bring us hope now. Maranatha!

<sup>12</sup>Light of nations, alleluia,  
light in darkness. Maranatha!

*Words:* Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

*Tune:* LITANY OF THE WORD

AM 56

## Prayer after Communion

**Stand** as the President moves to the Advent Wreath, to be joined by any children who would like to come up. The fourth candle is lit.

God our Father,  
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary  
that she was to be the mother of your Son.  
Though Mary was afraid,  
she responded to your call with joy.  
Help us, whom you call to serve you,  
to share like her in your great work  
of bringing to our world your love and healing.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
**Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal



Ye servants of the Lord,  
each in his office wait,  
observant of his heavenly word,  
and watchful at his gate.

<sup>2</sup>Let all your lamps be bright,  
and trim the golden flame;  
gird up your loins as in his sight,  
for awful is his name.

<sup>3</sup>Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,  
and while we speak, he's near;  
mark the first signal of his hand,  
and ready all appear.

<sup>4</sup>O happy servant he  
in such a posture found!  
he shall his Lord with rapture see,  
and be with honour crowned.

<sup>5</sup>Christ shall the banquet spread  
with his own royal hand,  
and raise that faithful servant's head  
amid the angelic band.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Tune: NARENZA

AM 57

*The President says*

Christ the Son 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;

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Organ Voluntary**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

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| 8.00am  | Holy Communion  | Daily                  |
| 9.15am  | Morning Prayer  | Saturday & Sunday      |
| 11.00am | Sung Eucharist  | Sunday                 |
| 12.30pm | Holy Communion  | Wednesday              |
| 5.30pm  | Choral Evensong | Daily (said Thursdays) |

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