



**LICHFIELD**  
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**Choral Eucharist**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30**

**President**

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane  
*Canon Custos*

**Preacher**

The Very Revd Adrian Dorber  
*Dean*

Lichfield Cathedral is called to live and proclaim the transforming love of God. Through the fullness of its life in the Spirit, it seeks to be a sign of the friendship and freedom that God in Jesus Christ has given the whole world to enjoy.



## **WELCOME TO LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL**

*Welcome to this service whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or via YouTube at home. It is good that we can come together both virtually and in person to offer our Eucharist, our offering of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God. Today we begin our journey together through this holy season of Advent.*

### **Safety**

Please always follow any directions given in how we need to move around the Cathedral. In the unlikely event of an emergency, please remain quiet and respond calmly and promptly to the directions of the Vergers. Please wear a face mask or covering at all times in the Cathedral.

### **Spiritual Communion**

Whilst services are being live-streamed and people cannot, for a number of reasons, come to Church to receive their communion in person we will continue to incorporate the Spiritual Communion within our worship at the point of the distribution of the Holy Communion. The reasoning behind this is found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. It is a way of taking our communion when, as at this time, we are prevented from doing so.

### **Receiving Communion**

Communion will be offered only in bread at this time. Please follow the instructions given by the vergers and stewards who will direct you to a communion station. Gluten-free hosts will be available on request at each station.

### **Music**

The organ is played by Honorary Assistant Organist, Liam Condon and the Cathedral Choir is conducted by the Director of music, Ben Lamb. The setting is the Mass for Three Voices by William Byrd (1540-1623)

### **Posture**

The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with.

## **Photography and Livestreaming**

Whilst we ask that members of the congregation do not take photographs or video of our worship, please note that at some of our services our Cathedral volunteer photographers will be taking photographs. We are also livestreaming to Facebook or YouTube many of our services. Whilst we do our best to not film the congregation for the livestream, please do let us know if this is a particular issue for you and we will assist by letting you know where you can sit so that you do not appear on screen.

## **Offerings**

We have been immensely grateful to members of our worshipping community for their continued generosity throughout the pandemic. Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. A collection will be taken by the Stewards during the offertory hymn. Additionally, there are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you are unfamiliar with these devices please do ask a steward or verger for assistance. For those worshipping at home, you can text SPIRES to 70191 to give £10, or visit [www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate)

## **Preparation before the Service**

*In the time leading up to the start of the service you are invited to keep this as a period of quiet reflection and preparation for worship. You might find the following prayer useful.*

*Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen*

*Please join in whatever is printed in **bold type**.*

*Stand, if you are able, as the hymn is sung  
and the Clergy and choir enter the Nave sanctuary*

## THE GATHERING

*The choir and sacred ministers assemble in the Crossing around the Advent Candles. An introit is sung.*

### ADVENT PROSE

*The refrain is first sung by the Choir, then repeated by the people. It is then sung by all after the verse*



Drop down, ye hea - vens from a - bove,  
and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever:  
Thy holy cities are a wilderness,  
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

***Drop down...***

*The President offers words of welcome*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*The President invites a person to light the first candle*

We dare to light a light of hope,  
Despite the darkness of our world.  
In the face of cruelty and suffering,  
of oppression and inequality,  
we dare to hope!

In a world that sometimes seems hopeless,  
**We dare to hope!**

With the patriarchs of old,  
**We dare to hope!**

We light a candle in the darkness,  
**We dare to hope!**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**HYMN 26** *Merton*

**1. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'cast away the works of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.'**

**2. Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.**

**3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;**

**4. That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.**

**5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.**

Latin *tr.* Edward Caswall 1814-1878

*Remain standing*

**THE GREETING**

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

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.  
Grace and mercy be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

*The President continues*

God calls, his call is to each one of us, it is personal and universal,  
an invitation to all humanity to meet him here.

God calls us to meet him here in the feast prepared by his Son.

God calls, his call is to each one of us.

His call is personal and universal.

**RITE 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.

*cf John 1.23*

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.**

**KYRIE ELEISON** (*choir*)

*Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**ABSOLUTION**

May almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you your sins,

and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Stand*

## 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. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A short period of silence is kept*

*Stand if you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The choir sings Alleluia which all repeat*

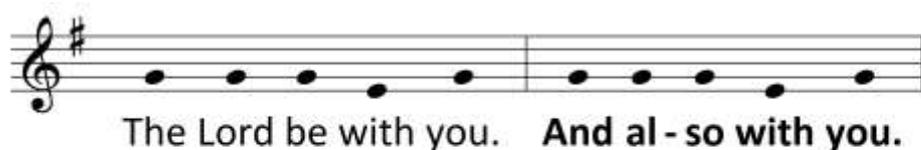


Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *cf Isaiah 40.3-5*

*All sing Alleluia again*

*Turn towards the reading of the Gospel*

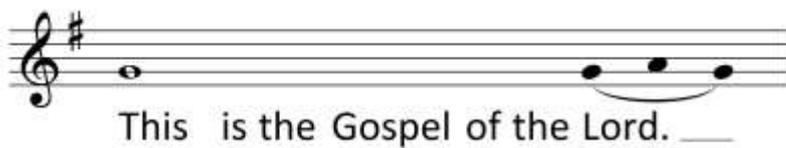
## GOSPEL READING Luke 21.25-36



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 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.'



*A fanfare is sounded to honour the reading of the Gospel.*

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*Stand, if you are able*

**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.**

*Sit*

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence is kept*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Stand*

### **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

#### **THE PEACE**

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.

**And also with you.**

*The Deacon of the Gospel says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace with their neighbour*

### **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

*A **collection** is taken to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Please give as generously as you are able and, if you are a UK taxpayer, use the GiftAid envelopes provided.*

### **HYMN 32 *Veni Emmanuel***

**1. 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.***

**2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory over the grave:  
*Rejoice! ...***

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

**4. 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! ...***

**5. 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! ...***

Latin Advent Antiphons  
*tr. J M Neale 1818-1866*

### **TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

*Remain standing*

**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 saying:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Choir)**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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:

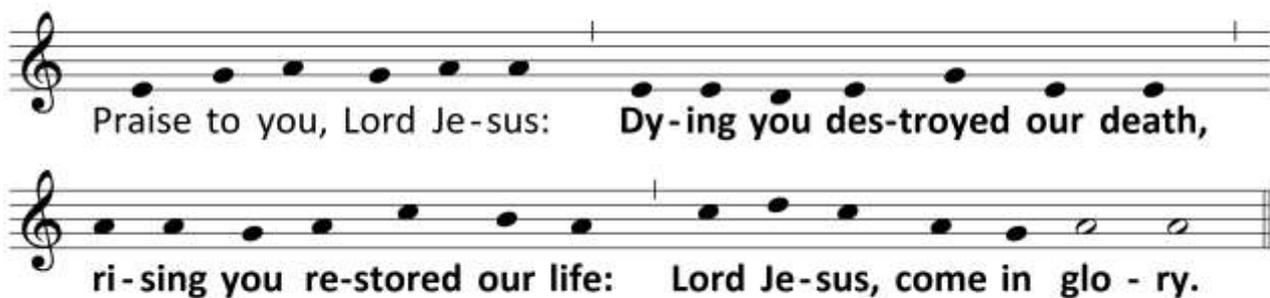
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

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.



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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

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

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving physically their communion.*

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

I invite you to open your hands as a sign of your openness  
to receiving God's grace as we pray together:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

*Those of any Christian denomination who are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to do so here. Please follow the directions given by the vergers and stewards who will indicate which communion station you should go to. If you do not normally receive communion please do come forward to receive a prayer of blessing.*

*Gluten free hosts are available at each station for those who require them, please let the priest know if you require one. Those who do not normally take communion will be offered a blessing.*

### **AGNUS DEI (Choir)**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us; grant us peace.*

### **MOTET** Canite Tuba in Sion - Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

*Blow the trumpet in Sion for the day of the Lord is nigh.*

*Behold, he comes to save us:*

*the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places smooth.*

*Come, Lord, and do not delay.*

*Remain seated.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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. **Amen.**

### **NOTICES**

*Stand*

**HYMN 24** *Cross of Jesus*

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

*Remain standing*

**THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you.  
**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. **Amen.**

*The Deacon of the Gospel says*

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**

*Remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 549  
*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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