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**Choral Eucharist**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**10:30**

**President**

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane  
*Canon Custos*

**Preacher**

The Revd Canon Dr David Primrose  
*Canon Treasurer*

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 to offer our Eucharist, our offering of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God.*

### **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. Facemasks or coverings, in line with government guidance, are no longer mandatory in the Cathedral but please feel free to wear one if you wish.

### **Spiritual Communion**

While some 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.

### **Receiving Holy Communion**

People will though be able to choose whether they wish or not to receive their Holy Communion in the form of wine as well as bread. There is no pressure to receive, and people should do as they feel most comfortable; recognising that some may wish to not receive from the chalice just yet. If you take the chalice, please help the person giving the chalice by guiding the cup to your lips. People are also reminded that we do not allow intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at the Cathedral. Please follow the instructions given by the vergers and stewards who will direct you to a communion station. Gluten-free hosts will be available at each station.

### **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**

Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. A collection will be taken by the Stewards during the offertory hymn. Please do Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer by completing the required details on the envelopes provided. There are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you need assistance with these devices please do ask a steward or vergier. 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).

## **Refreshments**

At the end of the service refreshments are available in the North Transept. We do hope that you will join us for a time of fellowship together.

## **Music**

Our service is sung today by the Lay Vicars Choral of the Cathedral Choir conducted by the Director of Music, Ben Lamb. The organ is played by the Assistant Director of Music, Martyn Rawles. The setting for the Eucharist is the *Mass for Three Voices* by William Byrd (1543-1623).

## **Preparation before the Service**

The time before the service you are invited to keep as a period of quiet 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.*

## **Sermons in Advent**

The themes of the sermons during this season of Advent are *The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell*.

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

## THE GATHERING

*Stand as the choir and sacred ministers assemble in the Crossing around the Advent Candles.*

### ADVENT PROSE

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



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, THE CANDLE OF HOPE

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

*The President invites a child to light the first Advent 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.**

### INTROIT HYMN 31 *Helmsley*

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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!

4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
**Alleluia!**  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
and John Cennick (1718-1755)

### THE GREETING

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

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated as the President offers further words of welcome, and then says*

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
It is to be made ready for those who love him  
and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book,  
*Wild Goose Publications, 2001*

## RITE OF PENITENCE

'The axe is laid at the root of the trees;  
every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down.'  
But confident in God's mercy we confess our sins. *cf Matthew 3.10*

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

Almighty God, 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.**

*Stand*

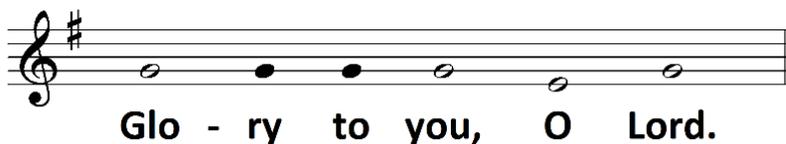
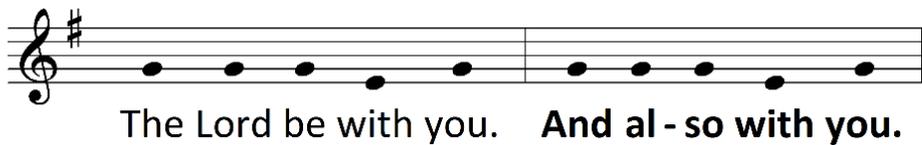
## THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

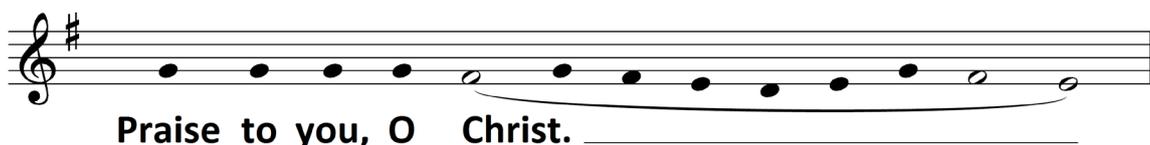
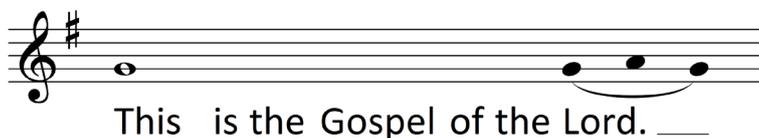
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the 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*





'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



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

Sit

**SERMON**

*Stand*

**NICENE CREED** *sung in the arrangement of John Merbecke*

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.  
And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Sit*

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

*The prayers conclude*

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, if you are able*

## **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.

### **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 Gift Aid envelopes provided.*

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

**<sup>1</sup>. 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 o'er the grave:

*Rejoice!*

3. 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.**

*Sit*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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**

Christ is the true bread  
which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving their communion, and worshipping with us from home. We invite those in the Cathedral to pray quietly for them as the President leads them in prayer.*

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** *(for those worshipping online)*

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.*

**AGNUS DEI** *(choir)*

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

**MOTET**     *Veni Domine noli tardare*

Veni, Domine, noli tardare, relaxa  
facinora plebi tuae,  
et libera populum tuum.

*Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive  
the misdeeds of thy servants,  
and deliver thy people.*

*William Byrd (1539-1623)*

*Organ music may be played until the ministers have returned  
to their places after cleansing the altar vessels.*

## 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 516** *tii Blaenwern*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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**

Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland BWV 661  
*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

### **MINISTRY OF HEALING**

*Immediately following the Choral Eucharist this morning the Ministry of Prayer and Anointing for Healing will be offered at the Shrine Altar. If you would like to share in this short liturgy of prayer, for yourself or for someone else, you should make your way to the Lady Chapel.*

### **LATER TODAY**

**15:30 EVENING PRAYER** *(said) Lady Chapel*

**18:00 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

*A candlelit ceremony of music, readings and procession,  
with the Great Antiphons of Advent*

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