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The Collect and Readings for today

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ver. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

Psalm 90.1-8, 12 - Satisfy us by your loving-kindness; so shall we rejoice and be glad.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.'

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave!

You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”’

Matthew 25.14-30

Prayers of Intercession for this week

In prayer we can uncover God’s will for our lives and find encouragement for the future. Let us come together and present all our petitions at God’s feet.

We pray for each one of us gathered here today;
for our friends, family and colleagues; for the strangers we meet on the street.
Let us pray that we will be open to the opportunities we have to transmit God’s grace to one another.

We pray for our country and political leaders; for guidance in a turbulent world.
Let us pray that we will work together to rediscover our common morality so that God’s truth will prevail.

We pray for those who feel unmoored and rudderless;
for ourselves when we feel we have no contribution to make, or are overshadowed by others.
Let us pray that God will reveal which special talents and gifts we have been given, and how to use them.

We pray for people everywhere who are facing challenges that appear to be unsurmountable;
for those who are overwhelmed by what lies ahead; for those who feel lonely, helpless and frightened.
Let us pray that the Lord will grow close to them in other people and encourage them on their journey.

Lord God, help us to rise to meet the challenges of the day and week before us.
Let us be an encouragement to others who do not know you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS and PRAYER RESOURCES

Those who are sick and have asked for prayer:

Roger Rathbone, Catherine Hughes, Archie Conway-Gardner, David Barron, Ashley Reed, Jane Craig, Alison Lewis, Alyson Grant, Gerwyn Capon, *the Dean*.

The long-term sick and housebound, among them:

Mary Wines, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Dafydd Hughes, Ray Edwards, Alan Robinson, Fred Mudge, Marjorie Mudge.

Those who have died recently: Katherine Long, David Phillips

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

15th November *no anniversaries recorded on this date*

16th November Jean Valerie Aplin, Sydney Gwendoline Manley Blackmore

17th November Geoffrey Carter Lloyd

18th November Kenneth Arthur Nichols, Ellen Carveth,

19th November Joy Rees

20th November Fredda Evans, Kenvyn Hopkins, Maundy Philips (*Priest*), Susan Christine Wood

21st November Molly James, Cyril Vivian Grashoff, Eric Rhys Treharne, Dawn Susan Dovey

The Cycle of Prayer for this week in the Anglican Communion and in this Diocese:

- Sunday:** The Church of the Anglican Church of Ceylon
The Parish of Llangynydd with Maesteg: The Rev'd Martyn Evans
- Monday:** The Dioceses of Sabongidda-Ora (Nigeria), Dublin & Glendalough
The Parish of Troedrhwiargarth: The Rev'd Christopher Reaney
- Tuesday:** The Dioceses of Saldanha Bay (Southern Africa), Duk (South Sudan)
The Deanery of the Cynon Valley: The Rev'd Canon Michael Jones, *Area Dean*
- Wednesday:** The Dioceses of Salisbury (England), Dunedin (Aotearoa New Zealand & Polynesia)
The Diocesan Chancellor: Andrew Keyser QC
- Thursday:** The Dioceses of Sambalpur and Durgapur (North India), Dunkwa-on-Offin (West Africa)
The Parish of Aberaman & Cwmaman: The Rev'd Matthew Gibbon
- Friday:** The Dioceses of San Diego (USA), Durham (England)
The Parish of Abercynon: The Rev'd Dr Peter Lewis
- Saturday:** The Dioceses of San Joaquin (USA), Dutse (Nigeria), Kyoto (Japan)
The Parish of Mountain Ash & Miskin: The Rev'd Canon Michael Jones

Some Cathedral News.....

Choral music is returning: the Welsh Government has finally relaxed the restrictions imposed on choral singing, such that we can begin to re-instate choral singing in our services. While we are delighted that this can happen, the 'rules' are such that it will be a relatively slow and painstaking return for the Cathedral choirs, none of which have been singing at all now for almost 9 months. As you can imagine there are stringent guidelines to be followed and risk assessments to be carried out and adhered to. The new Risk Assessment document for just one of our choirs runs to 25 pages!

Our plan is to begin with the limited return of the Cathedral Choir, which will sing again for the first time with reduced numbers on Advent Sunday. There will be a number of choral services during Advent, up to and including Christmas Day. It will be some time before the other choirs return and sadly of course there will be no congregational singing in any services for the foreseeable future.

Important news about services.....

There is one particularly important change to note: as a consequence of the new rules surrounding choral singing, from Advent Sunday (29th November) the main Sunday morning Cathedral Choral Eucharist will begin at 11.15 am.

This change is necessary to accommodate the additional hygiene regime surrounding the choir and the new predicament that the only place the choir is able to rehearse in is the Cathedral itself. Our other rooms are no longer “Covid-secure” for the size of group and activity involved.

Outlined below is a programme of services for Advent and Christmas. Our capacity numbers remain limited so Chapter has agreed that the only fair and practical approach to the ‘special’ services is to operate a booking scheme. Tickets for the services will of course be free but they will need to be reserved. If you know of people who are unable to use the internet to book tickets, please offer to help them and book tickets for them. Chapter is aware of the challenges and difficulties of a booking system but it seems the only safe way to operate for the ‘big’ festival services.

To enable as many people to worship as possible, we will be offering more services and ‘repeating’ the special services.

Entry to the following services will be by pre-booked ticket only:

- Advent Sunday (29th November) 4.30 pm A sequence of music and readings for Advent
- Sunday 6th December 4.30 pm A sequence of music and readings for Advent
[a repeat of the Advent Sunday service]
- Wednesday 23rd December 5.30 pm Lessons and Choral Music for Christmas
- Christmas Eve 3.30 pm Lessons and Choral Music for Christmas
[a repeat of the 23rd December service]
7.00 pm First Eucharist of Christmas with organ music only
9.30 pm First Eucharist of Christmas with choral music
- Christmas Day 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.15 am Holy Eucharist with organ music only
11.15 am Holy Eucharist with choral music

‘Ordinary’ Sunday morning services will not require tickets.

The following additional services in Advent will not require tickets:

- Sunday 13th December (Advent 3) 4.30 pm Choral Evensong
- Sunday 20th December (Advent 4) 4.30 pm La nativité du Seigneur
an organ meditation on the birth of our Lord by Olivier Messiaen
- Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd December 5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Ticket information – for the afternoon / evening Advent Services on 29th November and the 6th December booking opens today (Sunday 15th November). You can book tickets [here](#).

Orders of Service – you can now access the Orders of Service for the 9.00 am and 11.00 am services very easily by scanning the QR codes on display at the entrance to the Cathedral. Please ask if you have any difficulty with this. The other easy way of accessing the Service sheets is from our electronic newsletter – do sign up if you haven't already done so [here](#).



We are now displaying the QR code that links with the **NHS Tracing App**. If you have the app on your mobile device you can scan the code through the app. This means that if people visit the building and later test positive for coronavirus, other app users who were there at the same time may be sent an alert, if local public health teams think this is necessary.

Sunday School is now being provided online for those registered this year, and participation is noted and recorded. Families are of course, still encouraged to attend the 9.00 am All-Age Service. For those who come to the service, there is now an option to tick on the 'track and trace' form so that children's attendance can be registered in this way.



We are delighted to announce that the Cathedral has won an **eco Church Bronze award**. Our commitment to caring for and protecting the environment has been acknowledged by this award. We have satisfied the criteria for this stage of the award system by some of the changes we have made in the last year or so. Installing LED light bulbs and fittings, reducing the amount of paper being used and installing the butterfly garden are all things that have helped us gain this particular award. The next step will be to aim for the silver award. In securing this award, the Cathedral has helped the Diocese become an “eco-Diocese” under the same scheme.

Foodbank news – please do not forget the foodbank collecting station at the back of the Nave. Thank you for your support.

The BBC is calling dog walkers! the Morning Live team at the BBC is working on a new lifestyle programme for BBC One, hosted by Gethin Jones and Kym Marsh. As part of the programme, there is a recurring feature called 'Off the Leash' during which the programme films a group of dog walkers (socially-distanced) having a chat about a range of topics. Filming takes place in Hailey Park, Llandaff North. If anyone has a dog, is free tomorrow (Monday 16th November) in the morning and is happy to contribute to the programme, please get in touch with the BBC researcher Olivia Buckley. olivia.buckley01@bbc.co.uk Olivia is happy to answer any questions you might have about the filming and the programme.

Sky diving for a good cause.... A member of the Cathedral community, Olivia Gomez, is bravely planning a sponsored sky dive later this month for the South Wales charity **2 Wish Upon a Star**. Founded by a

former member of staff at the Cathedral School, Rhian Mannings, the charity works to provide immediate and ongoing bereavement support for families, individuals and professionals affected by the sudden and traumatic death of a child or young adult aged 25 or under. Rhian and the charity have recently received a Pride of Britain award. A former Canon's Scholar of the Cathedral School Girl Choristers and present member of the Cathedral Choir 'back row', you may also have seen Olivia singing in our online services and recital series in recent months. In lockdown Olivia has spent a lot of time volunteering as part of our “tech team” on the e-newsletter and our online presence. You can sponsor Olivia [here](#).

Parish Stewards - Please see the Churchwardens or the clergy if you would like to help as a steward.

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If you haven't already signed up for the Cathedral e-newsletter you can subscribe [here](#).

Sunday Worship guidelines – a reminder....

Here are some of the key things to note:

- There are currently two services: 9.00 am and 11.00 am (11.15 am from 29th November)
- Both services are celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with the 9.00 am service catering particularly for children and families.
- Social distancing guidelines must be maintained at all times – especially before and after the services. Given that the usable rows are 2 metres apart, they can act as a useful guide when standing in the Nave.
- Hand sanitiser must be used on entry.
- Face-coverings: Welsh Government regulations now make the wearing of face coverings compulsory in public buildings. This includes the Cathedral.
- Everyone attending will be invited to complete a ‘track and trace’ card - please bring a pen!
- Communion will be administered standing and in one kind only.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- Ritual and ceremony will be kept to a minimum.
- No service sheets will be used – the order of service will be available online to print in advance and bring with you or to follow on a phone or other mobile device.
- The ‘2-metre distance’ rule means that the capacity of the Cathedral will be between 80 and 90 individuals although family groups sitting together will legitimately increase the number.
- 5 cathedral chairs must be left clear *between* households.
- The box of children’s toys has been removed from the David Chapel.

Please note that there will be a legal maximum capacity number and it may be necessary to impose restrictions on entry to ensure that number is not exceeded.

The Welsh Government, the Church in Wales and the Diocese have all produced and issued protocols and detailed instructions to clergy and parishes. We are following them all.

Giving to the Cathedral

You can now give to the Cathedral ‘online’ through the following link:

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As always, the Church encourages regular giving and the most effective and efficient way to give regularly to the Cathedral, remains the Church in Wales *Gift Direct* scheme. This continues to be a vital part of our stewardship and we would encourage everyone to consider regularly giving to the Cathedral through this scheme. You can find more details about *Gift Direct* [here](#).

THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE

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