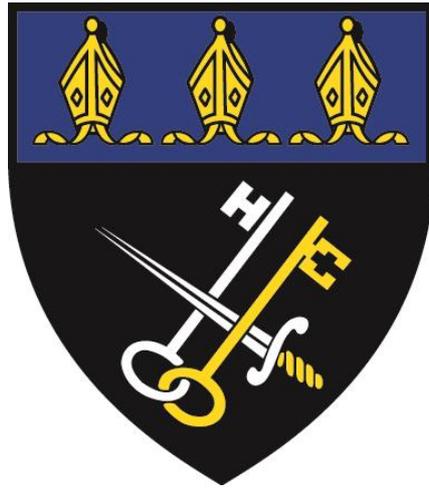


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**The NATIVITY of OUR LORD
CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**Friday 25th December
2020**

11.15 am



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Please stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral. The choir sings:

INTROIT

Ding-dong! Merrily on high
in heaven the bells are ringing.

Ding-dong! Verily the sky
is riven with angels singing:

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so, here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen;

and *i-o, i-o, i-o,*

by priest and people sungen!

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
your matin chime, you ringers;
may you beautifully rhyme
your evetime song, you singers:

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: French Melody
harmonised by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE WELCOME

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

Grace and peace be with you.

And keep you in the love of Christ.

Words of welcome may be offered.

The central candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

Blessed be God
Who keeps His promises for ever.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
The light of your incarnate Word
gives gladness to our hearts,
and consolation to the world.
Fill our lives with your light and truth,
until they overflow with gladness and praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
you have come among us in great humility.
Help us who live by your Holy Word
to proclaim your Gospel and live the life of faith;
for you are our God now and forever.
Amen.**

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the choir sings:

THE GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater
omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy
great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; t
hou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory
of God the Father.
Amen.*

Music: *Krönungsmesse*, K.317
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please remain standing.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9. 2 - 7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings:

PSALM 96

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the nations:
and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and majesty are before him:
power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye families of the peoples:
ascribe unto the Lord honour and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in raiment of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the nations 'The Lord is King:
it is he who hath made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he shall judge the peoples righteously.'

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar and all that therein is.

Let the fields be joyful, and all that is in them:
yea let all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh to judge the earth:
in righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Music: W. Ronald Gates (1927-2016)

A reading from St Paul's Letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2. 11 - 14

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Please stand. The choir sings the Gospel Acclamation.

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Luke 2. 1 – 20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE SERMON

The Bishop

Please stand and say together:

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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 kneel or sit.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, on this holy day your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

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

On this holy day there was no room for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

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

On this holy day Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth.

Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress today.

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

On this holy day your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

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

On this holy day the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

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

On this holy day shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.

Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

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

On this holy day strangers found the Holy Family,
and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

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

On this holy day heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.

Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death
in the hope of your coming kingdom.

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

On this holy day Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

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

Father, on this holy day angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints
through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please remain standing as the choir sings:

THE OFFERTORY MOTET

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?

Our Saviour Christ and His lady,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Our Saviour Christ and His lady,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the angels in Heav'n shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the angels in Heav'n shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Then let us rejoice amain,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Please remain standing.

THE THANKSGIVING

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and on this day was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh

you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible

and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The choir sings:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus
Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua;
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of Hosts.*

*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.*

Please kneel.

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of
praise, and grant that, by the power of
your Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine
may be for 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 from this, all of you;
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Clyw ni, Dad nefol,
trwy Iesu Grist dy Fab ein Harglwydd.
Trwyddo ef derbyn ein haberth
o foliant, a chaniatâ, trwy nerth dy
Ysbryd, i'r rhoddion hyn o fara
a gwin fod i ni ei gorff a'i waed ef;
y nos y bradychwyd ef, cymerodd
fara a rhoi diolch i ti; fe'i torrodd
a'i roi i'w ddisgyblion, gan
ddweud,

Cymerwch, bwyteuach; hwn yw fy
nghorff a roddir drosoch.

Gwnewch hyn er cof amdanaf.

Yr un modd, ar ôl swper, cymerodd y
cwpan a rhoi diolch i ti; fe'i rhoddodd
iddynt, gan ddweud,

Yfwch o hwn, bawb; oherwydd hwn
yw fy ngwaed i, gwaed y cyfamod
newydd, a dywelltir drosoch a thros
lawer er maddeuant pechodau.

Gwnewch hyn, bob tro yr yfwch ef,
er cof amdanaf.

Gadewch inni gyhoeddi dirgelwch y fydd:

Bu farw Crist.

Atgyfododd Crist.

Daw Crist mewn gogoniant.

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and
resurrection of your Son we offer to you
in thanksgiving this bread and this
cup, your gifts to us, and we thank you for
counting us worthy to stand in your
presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us who
share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

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

Let us pray with confidence to the
Father:

**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.**

Felly, O Dad,
gan gofio angau achubol ac atgyfodiad dy
Fab, offrymwn i ti mewn diolch y bara
hwn a'r cwpan hwn, dy roddion inni, a
diolchwn i ti am ein cyfrif yn deilwngi
sefyll yn dy wŷydd a'th wasanaethu.

Anfon dy Ysbryd Glân ar bawb
ohonom sy'n rhannu'r bara hwn a'r
cwpan hwn.
Cryfha ein ffydd, gwna ni'n un
a chroesawa ni a'th holl bobl
i deyrnas ogoneddus dy Fab.
Trwyddo ef, gydag ef, ac ynddo ef,
yn undod yr Ysbryd Glân
eiddot ti, Dad hollalluog,
yw'r holl anrhydedd a'r gogoniant
yn oes oesoedd. **Amen.**

Fel y dysgodd ein Hiachawdwr ni,
gweddiwn yn hyderus:

**Ein Tad,
yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,
sancteiddier dy enw,
deled dy deyrnas,
gwneler dy ewyllys;
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol
a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth;
eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas,
a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

During communion, the choir sings:

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

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

*Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us peace*

COMMUNION MOTET

In dulci jubilo
Let us our homage shew:
Our heart's joy reclineth
In praeseptio;
And like a bright star shineth
Matris in gremio,
Alpha es et O!

O Jesu parvule,
I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech Thee,
O puer optime;
My prayer let it reach Thee,
O princeps gloriae.
Trabe me post te.

O patris caritas!
O Nati lenitas!
Deeply were we stained.
Per nostra crimina:
But Thou for us hast gained
Coelorum gaudia,

Ubi sunt gaudia,
If that they be not there?
There are Angels singing
Nova cantica;
And there the bells are ringing
In Regis curia.
O that we were there!

In dulci jubilo
Let us our homage shew:
Our heart's joy reclineth
In praeseptio;
And like a bright star shineth
Matris in gremio,
Alpha es et O!

Words: Heinrich Seuse (1295-1366)
Translated by Robert Pearsall (1795-1856)

Music: Melody from Klug's Geistliche Lieder (1533)
arranged by Philip Moore (b.1943)

Please stand.

THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared
your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share
Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you
have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth
live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the humility of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the joy of the angels
and the peace of the Christ child,
be God's gifts to you this Christmas tide.

A ✠ bendith Duw hollalluog,
y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân
a fo yn eich plith
ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad.
Amen.

And the ✠ blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Postlude

William Mathias (1934-92)

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.



The Dean and Chapter,
Cathedral staff and volunteers
wish you every blessing and joy this Christmas

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS / ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sunday 27th December

Holy Eucharist with organ music 10.00am

There will be one service only on this day

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Holy Eucharist with organ music 10.00am

There will be one service only on this day

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