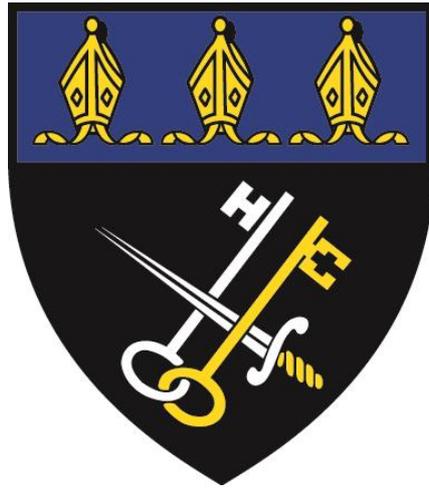


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**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
8.00 am**



We warmly welcome you to Llandaff Cathedral this Christmas morning. The Dean and Chapter, Cathedral staff and volunteers wish you every blessing and joy this Christmas.

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*Please stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral.*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please sit or kneel.*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against thee,  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy Name  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest says:*

Almighty God have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand and say together:*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, goodwill 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; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Please remain standing.*

## THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Isaiah 9. 2-7*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;  
**For he hath visited and redeemed his people.**

## THE EPISTLE

*A reading from the Epistle to Titus.*

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Titus 2. 11-14*

## THE PSALM

I will hearken what the Lord God will say:  
for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his servants,  
even unto the upright in heart.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him:  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have embraced each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea the Lord shall give prosperity:  
and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him:  
and where he walketh there shall be peace.

*Psalm 85. 8-13*

*Please stand.*

## THE GOSPEL

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

*Luke 2. 1-14*

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing and say together:*

## THE NICENE CREED

I 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 men, and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 is seated at 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 I 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 together is worshipped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please sit or kneel.*

## THE INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole Church of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, that all who confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and specially to thy servant June our Bishop, that they may by their life and doctrine proclaim thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

To all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present; that they may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, to direct with thy heavenly wisdom those who rule over the nations of the world, that thy people may be faithfully and justly governed; bless thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen* and all who exercise authority under her. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Of thy goodness, O Lord, help and comfort all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, granting them a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant us with them everlasting light and peace. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Finally, we bless thy holy Name for the grace and virtue declared the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph and in all thy Saints. Grant that we, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, may at thy Son's appearing be set with them on his right hand and be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

**Hear us, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 always with you;  
**And with your spirit.**

## THE OFFERTORY

All things come of thee;  
**And of thine own do we give thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you;  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts;  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us,  
who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the  
Virgin Mary his mother; that being himself without sin he might make us clean from all  
sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud  
and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

All glory, praise and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God our heavenly Father, creator and sustainer of all things, maker of man in thine own image, who gavest thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. There he made the one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death until his coming again.

Therefore we beseech thee, O merciful Father, to sanctify with thy Holy Spirit these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, may be partakers of his most precious Body and Blood:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread and when he had given 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.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this,  
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:  
Do this. as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, making the memorial of the blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, of thy dearly beloved Son as he hath commanded us, rejoicing in his gift of the Holy Spirit, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory, we thy servants, with all thy holy people, do set forth before thy Divine Majesty this Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation.

And we beseech thee to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to grant to us and thy whole Church remission of our sins and all other benefits of his Passion. And we pray that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and be numbered in the glorious company of thy saints.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, in whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Priest breaks the Bread, saying:*

The Bread which we break;

**Is it not the communion of the Body of' Christ ?**

We who are many are one Bread, one Body

**For we are all partakers of the one Bread.**

*Then may be said:*

**We do not presume to come to this table,**

**O merciful Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,**

**but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much**

**as to gather up the crumbs under thy table,**

**but thou art the same Lord,**

**whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood,**

**that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

*Then may be said:*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

As our Saviour Jesus Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

**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**

Draw near and receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ given for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Priest receives Holy Communion and the Sacrament is administered in one kind only.*

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious;  
**For his mercy endureth for ever.**

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.**

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you:  
**And with your spirit.**

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

Let us go forth in peace;  
**In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

*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 27<sup>th</sup> December*

Holy Eucharist with organ music 10.00am

*There will be one service only on this day*

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021*

Holy Eucharist with organ music 10.00am

*There will be one service only on this day*

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