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LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

according to the Book of Common Prayer 1984

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

8.00am

Advent Sunday

# CROESO | WELCOME

We're delighted to welcome you to this service at your cathedral, which has been a site of Christian worship for over 1,500 years.

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If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Please stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral.*

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

*All* **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.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Priest* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All* **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.**

*Priest* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest* Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Isaiah 64. 1-9*

*All* This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Resp.* **Restore us, O God of hosts;  
Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us. **R**

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people? **R**

You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*1 Corinthians 1. 3-9*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

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

‘But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

*Mark 13. 24-37*

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

**All** 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 INTERCESSIONS

*Priest* 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,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Mary 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,

*All* **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,

*All* **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 Charles our King and all who exercise authority under him.

Lord, in thy mercy,

*All* **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,

*All* **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,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Finally, we bless thy holy Name for the grace and virtue declared 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.

*All* **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

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
*All* **And with your spirit.**

### THE OFFERTORY

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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

*All* 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 hast given salvation to mankind through the coming of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and by him thou wilt make all things new when he returns in glory to judge the world.

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

*All* **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.*

*Priest* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Priest breaks the Bread, saying:*

*Priest* The Bread which we break;

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

We who are many are one Bread, one Body

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

*Then may be said:*

*All* **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:*

*All* **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.**

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

*All* **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 and People receive Holy Communion.  
The sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.      **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.      **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious;

*All* **For his mercy endureth for ever.**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* The Lord be with you:

*All* **And with your spirit.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and the love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace;

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the Procession leaves.*

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# WEEKLY NEWS

**Mothers' Union** – Our Advent Service will be held in the Parish Hall at the earlier time of 2pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We will be joined by the Guild of St Teilo and refreshments will be served. Visitors are most welcome to join us.

**Event Stewards Needed** – we are seeking volunteers to act as Event Stewards for concerts that will be held in December. The role is not onerous, you will work with three or four other volunteers as a team to ensure the safety of the concert goers. In the unlikely event of a fire you will help to safely evacuate the concert goers from the Cathedral. December is the Cathedral's busiest month, currently we have more events than we have volunteers. The good news is that all volunteers get to attend a first class concert absolutely free.

If you can help please let Ian MacDonald or Sian Roberts know (Cathedral Wardens)

**Advent Appeal 2023** – This year's Advent Appeal (chosen by the Cathedral's Youth Council) is for **Macmillan Cancer Support**, which offers a wide range of practical and emotional support to people living with a diagnosis of cancer. Envelopes for cash and cheque donations will be distributed at the main services today; they will be collected in **on Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December**, but can be returned via the collection box in the Cathedral if you won't be present on either of those days. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the Charities Table in the South Aisle of the Cathedral. Please give as generously as you can, and thank you, as ever, for your support.

**Christmas Trees** – A huge thank you to churchwarden Sian Roberts, who has kindly donated this year's Christmas Trees! 🎄

**Majestas Kids Choir** – Our new choir for children 7 – 11 rehearses at 10am every Saturday during term time in the Cathedral. If you'd like more information, or would like to sign your child(ren) up to join, please contact our Animateur Rachel Kilby at [rachelkilby@llandaffcathedral.org.uk](mailto:rachelkilby@llandaffcathedral.org.uk)

# THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

## **Those who are currently sick and have asked for prayer:**

Angela Jones, Patricia Parker, Alys Scourfield, Jacqueline Jones, Huw James, Heulwen Wyatt, Charles Lewis, Alison Lewis, Bryn Lewis, Paul Durrant, Danielle Camilleri

## **Those for whom we wish to pray, including those who are housebound and those whose need for prayer is long-term, among them:**

Jane Craig, David Barron, Lisa Wright, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Ray Edwards, Marjorie Mudge, Bettie Williams, Fr John Webber

**Those who have died recently:** Brychan Morris, Linda Badham, Nevil James

## **Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** Arthur Richard Phelps, Frank Roper, Marie Peaty

**4<sup>th</sup> December** Mabel Gertrude Williams, Laura Annie Elsie Bowdery, Ronald Joseph Parsley, Joseph Alexis Piffaretti

**5<sup>th</sup> December** Walter Henry Dolan

**6<sup>th</sup> December** Frank Walker, Eryl Stephen Thomas (Bishop), Dewi Caradog Davies (Priest)

**7<sup>th</sup> December** Kenneth William Totterdale

**8<sup>th</sup> December** *No names listed on this day*

**9<sup>th</sup> December** Frank Joseph George Wicks, Richard Smith

## **The Cycle of Prayer for this week in the Anglican Communion, this Diocese and in the Cathedral Community:**

**Sunday:** The Church of North India  
Cowbridge Ministry Area: The Rev'd Duncan Ballard  
Eucharistic Assistants

**Monday:** The Diocese of Barbados (West Indies)  
Cowbridge: The Rev'd Victoria Ashley  
Flower Guild

**Tuesday:** The Diocese of Bari (Nigeria)  
East Vale Ministry Area: The Rev'd Canon Martyn Davies  
Bellringers

**Wednesday:** The Diocese of Baringo (Kenya)  
The Staff of the Diocesan Office  
Guild of Stewards, Parish Stewards

**Thursday:** The Diocese of Barisal (Bangladesh)  
Barry Ministry Area: The Rev'd Canon Zoe King  
Cathedral Choir – boys

**Friday:** The Diocese of Barrackpore (North India)  
De Morgannwg Ministry Area: The Rev'd Andrew James  
Cathedral Choir – girls

**Saturday:** The Diocese of Bath & Wells (Canterbury)  
Penmark w Porthkerry & Rhoose: The Rev'd Melanie Prince  
Cathedral Choir – back row

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer and Eucharist takes place at 8am Monday to Saturday in the *Quire*.

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid

5.30pm Choral Evensong

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm Choral Evensong

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

7.30am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Eucharist

9.00am Holy Eucharist

11.00am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Dancing Day – John Rutter



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