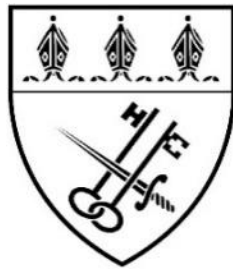


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A SEQUENCE OF MUSIC,
READINGS AND PRAYERS
FOR CANDLEMAS

Sunday 4th February 2024

4.00pm

Croeso | Welcome

We warmly welcome you to LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL for our service of readings and music within the week of the Feast of Candlemas. The content of this service traces our Christian journey from the expectation of Advent, the birth of the Christ child at Christmas, the visit of the Wise Men at Epiphany and finally Christ's Presentation in the Temple at Candlemas.



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The service is sung by the Choir of Llandaff Cathedral, directed by Stephen Moore, Director of Music. The Organ is played by Aaron Shilson, Assistant Director of Music.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

§ *The Assistant Director of Music plays:*

La Nativité

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

A Solis Ortus Cardine

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

*'From the pivot of the sun's rising to the farthest edge of the earth,
let us sing to Christ our lord, born of the virgin Mary.'*

1. (Plein Jeu)
2. Fugue á 5
3. Trio
4. Point d'Orgue sur les Grands Jeux

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin BWV 616

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

'In peace and joy I now depart'

ORDER OF SERVICE

§ *The choir sings from the Lady Chapel:*

Choir O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praeseptio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

*O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

Words: Magnificat Antiphon for Christmas Day

Music: Ivo Antognini (b.1963)

§ Please stand as the Procession moves from the Lady Chapel to sing:

HYMN



All 1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever,
His changeless name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Based on Psalm 72

Music: CRÜGER
Adapted by W. H. Monk (1823-89)
from a chorale by J. Crüger (1598-1662)

THE BIDDING

Dean Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For four weeks before then, we used the season of Advent to prepare ourselves spiritually and to reflect upon the good news of that birth as reflected in the words and actions of the patriarchs, the prophets, John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This week we have recalled the day on which our Lord was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory.

We come together now to reflect on those weeks of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, culminating in the feast we have come to know as Candlemas. We celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

We rejoice that Christ, the light of the world is with us always as we pray in the words he himself taught us:

<i>All</i>	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 that 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.	Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw, deled dy deyrnas, gwneled 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.
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§ *Please sit.*

ANTHEM

Choir 1. A tender shoot has started up
from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from
Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms
in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.

2. This shoot Isaiah taught us, from
Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch
of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this
child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

Music: Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9. 2 – 7

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

§ *Please stand:*



- All*
1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
 2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
 3. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 4. By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: CROSS OF JESUS
John Stainer (1840-1901)

§ *Please sit.*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1. 26 – 35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Words: Luke 1. 28 & 42
Words adopted by the Council of Trent

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2. 1, 3 – 16

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

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!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Choir Small wonder the star,
small wonder the light,
the angels in chorus,
the shepherds in fright;
but stable and manger for God -
no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings,
small wonder they bore
the gold and the incense,
the myrrh, to adore;
but God gives his life on a cross -
no small wonder!

Small wonder the love,
small wonder the grace,
the power, the glory,
the light of his face;
but all to redeem my poor heart -
no small wonder!

Words: Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)

Music: Paul Edwards (b.1955)

HYMN

§ Please stand to sing



All The first Nowell the angel did say
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell
born is the King of Israel!*

The wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:

At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped him;
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with his blood our life has bought.

Words: 18th Century English,
adapted by Michael Perry (1942–1996)

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL
English Trad. arr. John Stainer (1840–1901)

§ *Please sit.*

FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 2. 1 – 11

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem,
in the land of Judea;
behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem
there came wise men, and said:
Say, where is he born, the King of Judea?
For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,
and a sceptre from Israel rise up,
and dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
of light and consolation!
Thy word, O Lord,
radiance darting, truth imparting
gives salvation;
thine be praise and adoration!

Words: Matthew 2. 1, 2
Numbers 24. 17, Psalm 2. 9

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)
from the unfinished oratorio Christus Op. 97

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2. 22 – 35

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir Lord, set your servant free,
fulfil your ancient vow,
and peaceful let the parting be
which seals that promise now.

*Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.*

For here the child of light,
the world's salvation lies,
and on the nations lost in night
I see his dawn arise.

A radiance unconfined
to change of time or place,
he is the hope of humankind,
the glory of our race.

Words: Mary Holtby *after Luke 2. 29-32*

A light to lighten the gentiles,
And to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Music: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

SIXTH LESSON

1 John 1. 1-7

God is Light.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor sæculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici,
Tui beati corporis.

Words: Anonymous 10th Century Hymn

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Mercifully deign to accept
Suppliant praise and prayer.*

*You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be members
Of thy blessed body.*

Music: Anna Lapwood (b.1995)

§ Please stand to sing:

HYMN



1.

All Christ is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
the day-star clear and bright,
desire of every nation;
new life, new hope awakes
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

2.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

3.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own you;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone you;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)
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Music: NUN DANKET
Praxis Pieta Melita (1647 Crüger)

§ *Please remain standing:*

Priest Father, as we have celebrated our Saviour's birth.

All **Help us, to live his life that has no end.**

Priest As we recall the joy of Simeon and Anna.

All **Help us, to trust in your eternal promises.**

Priest Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

All **Help us, for whom Lent draws nearer, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Priest Here we bless one another in your name.

All **Help us, who now go in peace to shine with your light in the world.**

Priest Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Dean May the light of Christ shine within you
to give you strength to proclaim the Gospel;

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

All **Amen.**

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

Amen

§ *Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral*

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Dieu parmi nous *from La Nativité du Seigneur*

Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

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