

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL
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THE ADVENT PROCESSION

Sunday 1st December 2024

5.30pm

Welcome to LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL this evening. This Sequence of Music and Readings centres around bringing light to the darkness, but the service also captures an idea that is central to our keeping of Advent: the recognition that the beautiful world in which we live is marred by our human wilfulness, greed and violence.

The light that shines in the darkness of the Church represents the light of Jesus Christ shining in our dark world. That light dispels the darkness, but not without showing up the dark places of our world, and of our lives. The light of Christ sees us as we are; it judges all, but it is also the illumination and the warmth, the guiding light, which leads us from darkness into light.

The service is punctuated by sung phrases, drawn from scripture, known as the Advent Antiphons. With one exception, all refer specifically to Jesus, who is regarded - by Christians at least - as the fulfilment of Jewish expectation and Old Testament prophecy. These 'O' Antiphons are addressed to God, calling him to come as teacher and deliverer.

A later addition, the antiphon *O Virgo Virginum*, clearly refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is given prominence among the Advent Antiphons as the human agent called to bring forth God's own word and being. The readings have been chosen to reflect the theological imperatives contained in the antiphons.

*Everything you need to follow the service is in this booklet. Please join in the singing of the hymns, as well as the text printed in **Bold**. The § rubrics in this service indicating when to *stand* and *sit* are suggestions only. Please follow them as you are able. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.*

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We kindly request that you do not take photographs, or video or sound recording in the cathedral at any time during this service.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

§ *The Assistant Director of Music plays:*

'Le monde dans l'attente du Sauveur' – *Symphonie Passion* Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen, OP. 122, NO. 8 Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

Light in Darkness Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)

§ *During the playing of the following Chorale Prelude, Clergy and Cathedral Chapter process to their places in the Choir. Please remain seated.*

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ORDER OF SERVICE

§ *Shortly before the service begins the Cathedral lights will be turned off.*

§ *The Lady Chapel is illuminated. **Please stand.** The choir then sing:*

When all is dark and as the night,
when of your love I have no sight,
when in despair I pray for light.
When, Lord, for sin I cannot see,
I pray that evil shall not be,
you only Lord can set me free,
when belief is weak in me,
And when my hope begins to flee,
when I am poor in charity,
Come close to me, O Lord, come close to me.
When earthly life is near its end,
and watching angels shall descend.
Show mercy Lord, and comfort lend,
Come close to me O Lord, come close to me.

Words: Geoffrey Laycock (1926-86)

Music: Terence Charlston (b.1961)

§ *Please remain standing.*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1. 1-5

Choir Come, thou Redeemer of the earth
And manifest thy virgin-birth
Let every age adoring fall,
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed
The Saviour, now to man displayed.

§ *All join in singing the hymn, during which the Procession moves to the West steps and the congregation's candles are lit by the stewards.*



All From God the Father he proceeds
To God the Father back he speeds,
Runs out his course to death and hell,
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

The cradle here shall glitter bright
And darkness glow with new-born light,
No more shall night extinguish day
Where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore.



Words: St Ambrose (340-97)

Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

§ *Please remain standing and face West for the Bidding:*

All The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you;
And also with you.

My brothers and sisters, today we enter the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ. Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

Let us then pray together in the words our Saviour taught us:

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. Amen.**

May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting,
now and at all times.

All **Amen.**

§ *Please sit.*



Wisdom, coming forth from the Most High,
Filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth:
Come and teach us the way of truth.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9. 2-4 & 6-7

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 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.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir In the stillness of a church
Where candles glow,
In the softness of a fall
Of fresh white snow,
In the brightness of the stars
That shine this night,
In the calmness of a pool
Of healing light,
In the clearness of a choir
That softly sings,
In the oneness of a hush
Of angels' wings,
In the mildness of a night
By stable bare,
In the quietness of a lull
Near cradle fair,
There's a patience as we wait
For a new morn,
And the presence of a child
Soon to be born.

Words: Katrina Shepherd


Music: Sally Beamish (b.1956)

COLLECT

O God, the voice of your prophets, and their whole lives, announced the coming of your salvation; may we in our turn faithfully live Christ for others, until that Day when we shall see him face to face as he comes to save us all; grant this through Jesus, your Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Choir  Root of Jesse which standest as an ensign of the people,
at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek:
Come and deliver us and tarry not.

SECOND READING

Habbakuk 2. 1-3 & 20

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir 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.

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: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

COLLECT

Lord, may we live simply, justly and devoutly as we await the appearing in glory of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ; he gave himself for us, and so set us apart as a People of his own, for he reigns for ever.

All **Amen.**

§ Please stand to sing the hymn, during which the Procession moves to the Choir.



All Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held:
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-51)

Music: BRISTOL
Thomas Ravenscroft's *Psalmes* (1621)

§ Please sit.

ANTIPHON

Choir



Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel,
that openest and no one shutteth, and shuttest and no one openeth;
Come and bring the prisoners out of the prison house
and those that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

THIRD READING

Isaiah 40. 1 – 8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
fear not for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy God,
the holy one of Israel,
thy Redeemer.

Words: from the Advent Prose

Music: Judith Weir (b.1954)

COLLECT

Lord, we give you thanks for revealing your power in the creation of the universe, and for your providence in the life of the world; for making us in your image to govern and to serve. On the mountains, in the cities, through the corridors of power and streets of despair, to help, to heal, to confront and to convert, O come, O come Emmanuel.

All **Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Choir



Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,
the desire of all nations and their salvation:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

FOURTH READING

Malachi 3, 1 – 4 & 12

Read in Welsh

“Wele fi'n anfon fy nghennad i baratoi fy ffordd o'm blaen; ac yn sydyn fe ddaw'r Arglwydd yr ydych yn ei geisio i mewn i'w deml; y mae cennad y cyfamod yr ydych yn hoff ohono yn dod,” medd Arglwydd y Lluoedd. Pwy a all ddal dydd ei ddyfodiad, a phwy a saif pan ymddengys? Y mae fel tân coethydd ac fel sebon golchydd. Fe eistedd i lawr fel un yn coethi a phuro arian, ac fe bura feibion Lefi a'u coethi fel aur ac arian, er mwyn iddynt fod yn addas i ddwyn offrymau i'r Arglwydd. Yna bydd offrwm Jwda a Jerwsalem yn hyfrydwch i'r Arglwydd, fel yn y dyddiau gynt a'r blynyddoedd a fu. Yna bydd yr holl genhedloedd yn dweud, ‘Gwyn eich byd’, oherwydd byddwch yn wlad o hyfrydwch,” medd Arglwydd y Lluoedd.

Diolch a fo i Dduw.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Words: Isaiah 52. 7


Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

COLLECT

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that when he shall appear, he may find us active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Choir  Day-Spring, Brightness of Light Everlasting and Sun of Righteousness:
Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

FIFTH READING

Luke 1. 5-25

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the

righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’ Zechariah said to the angel, ‘How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.’ The angel replied, ‘I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.’

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ‘This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.’

Thanks be to God.

§ *Please stand:*



All On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.



Stretch forth thy hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for ever more. Amen.

Words: George Coffin (1676-1749)

Music: WINCHESTER NEW
adapted from a German Chorale

§ *Please remain standing.*

COLLECT

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and live according to his example, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

§ *Please sit.*

ANTIPHON

Choir



King of the Nations, and their desire,
the Corner-stone, who makest both one:
Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

SIXTH READING

1 Thess. 5. 2 – 9

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.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Choir

Creator of the stars of night
Thy people's everlasting light
O Jesus, Saviour of us all
Regard thy servants when they call

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
Of all creation doomed to die
Didst come to save a ruined race
With healing gifts of heav'n'ly grace

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride
As drew the world to eveningtide
Proceeding from a virgin shrine
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine

At thy great name, majestic now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow
And things in heav'n and earth shall own
That thou art Lord and King alone

To thee, O holy One, we pray
Our judge in that tremendous day
Preserve us, while we dwell below
From ev'ry onslaught of the foe

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free
Whom with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen

Words: *Conditor alme siderum* (7th century)
Translated by John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Music: Mode iv
Arranged by John Scott (1956-2015)

COLLECT

O God, you disperse our fears by the light of your Word; strengthen our hearts in faith, that the fire of love kindled in them by your Holy Spirit may never be stifled by temptation; give us this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

ANTIPHON

Choir



Virgin of virgins, how shall this be?
For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after.
Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me?
The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

SEVENTH READING

Luke 1. 26 – 33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,

“Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.”

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Choir Ther is no rose of swych vertu
As is the rose that bar Jhesu.
Alleluya.

For in this rose conteyned was
Heven and erthe in lytle space.
Res miranda.¹

Be that rose we may weel see
There be one God in personys thre.
Pares forma.²

The aungelys sungyn the sheperdes to
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gaudeamus.³

Leve we al this werdly merthe
and folwe we this joyful berthe.
Transeamus.⁴

Words: 15th-century English

Music: Philip Stopford (b.1977)

COLLECT

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

¹ Thing of wonder

² Equal in form

³ Let us rejoice

⁴ Let us go

§ Please stand to sing the hymn, during which the Procession moves to the Lady Chapel. During this Hymn, a collection will be taken. The proceeds will be split between the Cathedral and this year's Advent Charity, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity.



All O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Words: Ancient Advent Antiphons

Music: VENI EMMANUEL
Melody adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811-90)

THE ADVENT COLLECT

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.

ANTHEM

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

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

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who once deigned to be
clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of
thy blessed body.*

Words: Edited from *Cantiones Sacrae* (1575)

Music: Morten Lauridsen (b.1943)

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;

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

All Amen.



All

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
 Once for favoured sinners slain;
 Thousand thousand saints attending
 Swell the triumph of his train;
 Alleluia!
 God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
 Robed in dreadful majesty;
 Those who set at naught and sold him,
 Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing
 Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
 Still his dazzling body bears,
 Cause of endless exultation
 To his ransomed worshippers;
 With what rapture
 Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
 High on thine eternal throne;
 Saviour, take the power and glory;
 Claim the kingdom for thine own:
 O come quickly!
 Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: HELMSLEY
melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-99)
included in Wesley's Select Hymns (1765)

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni, Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

§ *The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship. Please respect the stillness of those who wish to remain seated until it has ended.*

ADVENT CHARITY

Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity

'We ensure that treatment and outcomes for children can continue to improve by funding new and innovative medical equipment and facilities. We support children and families in the here and now through our emotional support service and the much loved play specialist team and we invest in the future by providing technology that helps train the bright clinicians of tomorrow. We also strive to make the hospital a less frightening and more familiar place for children by sprinkling a little fun and happiness into hospital days.'

CHORISTERSHIPS

The Cathedral Choir is the beating heart of the Cathedral's liturgical and musical life, and Choristerships continue to provide a unique and extraordinary opportunity for children. We offer new places to Choristers every year, so if you have a child in years 2, 3, or 4 who loves to sing and would like an informal conversation about Choristerships, please contact us at:

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 8 th December	4.00pm	A Christmas Sequence Music from Benjamin Britten's <i>Ceremony of Carols</i> & John Rutter's <i>Dancing Day</i> <i>Sung by the Girl Choristers of the Cathedral Choir</i>
Wednesday 18 th December	3.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Broadcast live on BBC Radio 3</i> <i>Please be seated by 2.45pm</i>
Sunday 22 nd December	4.00pm	Cathedral Crib Service
Monday 23 rd December	4.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (I) <i>Please reserve your seat in advance at</i> <i>Ticketsource.co.uk/Llandaff-cathedral</i>
Tuesday 24 th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (II) <i>Please reserve your seat in advance at</i> <i>Ticketsource.co.uk/Llandaff-cathedral</i>
	9.30pm	The First Eucharist of Christmas
Wednesday 25 th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	8.00am	Holy Eucharist [1984]
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist [2004]
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERTS

7.00pm, Friday 20th December | 7.00pm, Saturday 21st December

Tickets for the Cathedral Choir's Christmas Concerts, 'Sweet singing in the choir', are on sale now in the Cathedral shop and online at [Ticketsource.co.uk/Llandaff-cathedral](https://ticketsource.co.uk/Llandaff-cathedral).



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NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

4.00pm, Monday 23rd December | 4.00pm, Tuesday 24th December

Free tickets for the Cathedral's Carol Services go live this evening at 8.00pm and will be available at [Ticketsource.co.uk/Llandaff-cathedral](https://ticketsource.co.uk/Llandaff-cathedral).

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