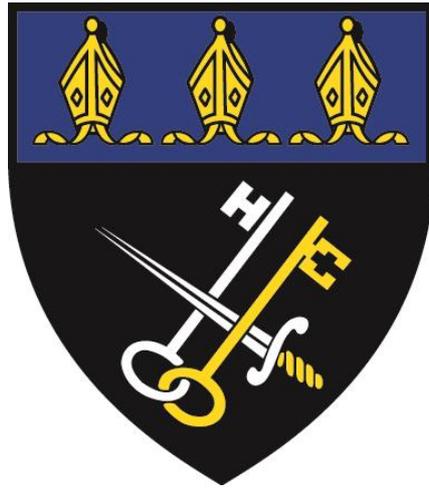


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**The NATIVITY of OUR LORD  
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**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
9.15 am**



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*Please stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral.*

## 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.**

*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 forever.

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.**

*All say together:*

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## 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.**

*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*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## 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!' 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. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Luke 2. 1 - 20*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## THE SERMON

*The Canon Precentor*

*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.*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,  
who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us:  
help us to know you, to worship and to serve you.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Wonderful counsellor,  
you order all things with your wisdom:  
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love  
and fill her with the Spirit of truth.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Mighty God,  
the government is on your shoulders:  
guide the leaders of the nations  
and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father,  
you call us to live together in unity:  
protect by your mercy all your children,  
bless our families and renew our communities.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Prince of peace,  
you bring reconciliation through the cross:  
by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit,  
**hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. 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.*

## 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.**

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.  
**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example  
and obey his command.**

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
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.

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, bwytechwch; hwn yw fy  
nghorff a roddir drosoch.

Gwnewch hyn er cof amdanaf.

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.**

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.**

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.**

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 wŷdd 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.**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

Fel y dysgodd ein Hiachawdwr ni, gweddiwn yn hyderus:

**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.**

**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.**

## 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 organist plays:*

The Holy Boy  
John Ireland (1879-1962)

Cradle Song  
Herbert Howells (1893-1982)

*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

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.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

# ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia on 'Adeste Fideles'

David Blackwell (b.1961)

*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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