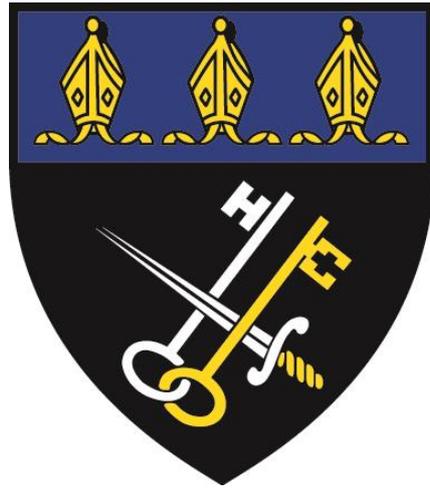


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**The FIRST EUCHARIST of  
CHRISTMAS**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
2021**

**9.30pm**



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## THE GATHERING

*Please stand as the Procession enters. All sing:*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.

## THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

*The crib is blessed.*

God our Father,  
on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary  
for us and for our salvation:  
bless this crib,  
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith  
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,  
who is alive and reigns for ever. Amen.

*We continue to sing:*

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Words: Text by Phillips Brooks (1835-93)

Music: FOREST GREEN  
English Traditional Melody;  
harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The central candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, King of peace:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
The new light of your incarnate Word  
gives gladness in our sorrow,  
and a presence in our isolation.  
Fill our lives with your light,  
until they overflow with gladness and praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and call to mind our sins.

**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.**

*The choir sings:*

### THE GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam  
gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Iesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe  
Cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace,  
good will 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; t  
hou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of  
God the Father.  
Amen.*

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Please remain standing.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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. **Amen**

*Please sit.*

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Isaiah 52. 7 - 10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Hebrews 1. 1 - 4*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**



*Please stand and say together:*

## The 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 or sit for:*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, on this holy night your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth.

Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress today.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.

Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family,

and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.

Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death

in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Father, on this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.

Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints

through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

This holy night the angels sang,  
'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.'

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please remain standing to sing:*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Of the Father's heart begotten,  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

2. By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

### *Low Voices*

3. He assumed this mortal body,  
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created  
Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced  
In the depths of hell to lie,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

4. O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

### *High Voices*

5. This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealèd  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
Let the world his praises cry!  
*Evermore and evermore.*

6. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

*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 night 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:

*The choir sings:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua;  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, in the highest.*

*Please kneel or sit.*

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.

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.**

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, bwyteuach; hwn yw fy  
nghorff a roddir drosoch.

Gwnewch hyn er cof amdanaf.

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.**

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.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here  
among us, let us pray with confidence to  
the Father:

**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.**

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 deilwng  
i 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 chrosawa ni a'th holl bobl  
i deyrnas ogoneddus dy Fab.

Trwyddo ef, gydag ef, ac ynndo ef,  
yn undod yr Ysbryd Glân  
eiddot ti, Dad hollalluog,  
yw'r holl anrhydedd a'r gogoniant  
yn oes oesoedd. **Amen.**

Fel y dysgodd ein Hiachawdwr ni,  
gweddiwn yn hyderus:

**Ein Tad,  
yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,  
sancteiddier dy enw,  
deled dy deyrnas,  
gwneler 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 oes oedd. 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 the administration of Communion, the choir sings:*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.*

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

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him,  
Give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-94)

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)  
Arranged by Mack Wilberg (b.1955)

*Once all have received, please stand to sing:*

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem:

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth:  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: MENDELSSOHN  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

## THE DISMISSAL

God our Father,  
in this night you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
**To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Bishop pronounces:*

## THE BLESSING

Christ, who by taking our flesh, gathered into one all  
things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace;

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

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

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

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Paean on 'Divinium Mysterium'  
John Cook (1918-84)



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Eucharist	8.00am
Holy Eucharist with carols*	9.00am
Choral Eucharist*	11.15am

*Entrance to services marked \* is by pre-booked ticket only*

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

#### Stephen, First Deacon and Martyr

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

Holy Eucharist with Hymns	10.00am
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#### John, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Holy Eucharist	9.30am
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#### The Innocents

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December*

Holy Eucharist	9.30am
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*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December*

Cymun Bendigaid	9.30am
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### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022*

Holy Eucharist with Hymns	10.00am
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*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January*

Holy Eucharist	9.30am
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### THE EPIPHANY of OUR LORD

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January*

Cymun Bendigaid	9.30am
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Choral Eucharist	7.30pm
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