

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNG EUCHARIST

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023
11.15AM

WELCOME

Built to the glory of God, the Cathedral is a living church that has been at the centre of life in Chichester for over nine centuries. We warmly welcome you to this service, and to journey with us through Advent to Christmas.

This booklet contains all you will need to follow the service. Please ask a Steward if you would like a large-print copy.

The celebrant at this service is The Reverend Canon Dr Daniel Inman, Precentor, and the sung Mass Setting is the *Communion Service in F* by Harold Darke (1888-1976).

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*Lord, teach thy people to love thy house best of all dwellings,
thy Scriptures best of all books,
thy Sacraments best of all gifts,
the communion of saints best of all company;
and that we may as one family and in one place
give thanks and adore thy glory,
help us to keep always this day, the first of days, holy unto thee,
our Maker, our Resurrection, and our Life,
God blessed for ever.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is
drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall
surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as
the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot
hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the
voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as
the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and
increase
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the
Prince of Peace?

What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall
surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as
the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the
banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may
shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their
captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as
the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the
deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life
to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall
surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as
the waters cover the sea.

NEH 495

A. C. Ainger (1841-1919)

Benson

Millicent Kingham (1866-1894)

in Church Hymns (1903)

THE GREETING

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit, and the president prays:

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The deacon says

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The choir sings

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

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

The president pronounces

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

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

Please sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

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.

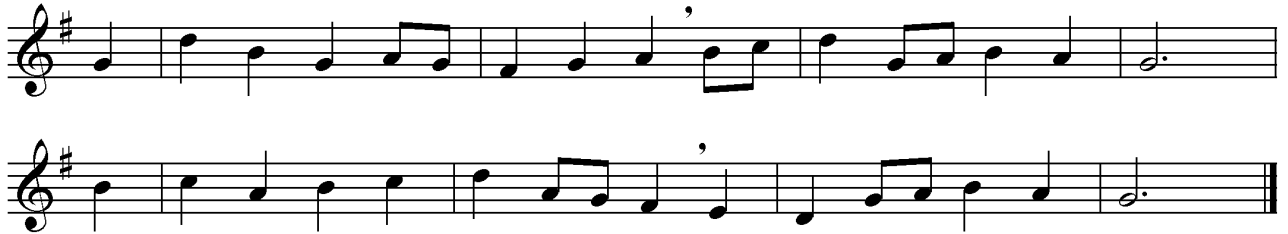
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Please stand.

HYMN



The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

**For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou, in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.**

*NEH 15
John Milton (1608-1674)*

*St Stephen
William Jones (1726-1800)*

THE GOSPEL READING

Please remain standing. The choir leads the Gospel Acclamation:



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Mark 13: 24-end

Please remain standing as the Gospel procession returns.

SERMON

*The Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam
Honorary Assistant Bishop*

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or stand. These responses are used:

Lord, in your mercy	<i>or</i>	Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer.		Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Please stand.

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN

During this hymn a collection is taken.



When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing:
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption-day
longingly awaited.

In the desert trees take root
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration:
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning;
valleys, this is your new birth,
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these
seeks and saves the fearful:
deaf ears hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping.

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound,
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

Sing Praise 17
Christopher Idle (b. 1938)
Based on Isaiah 35

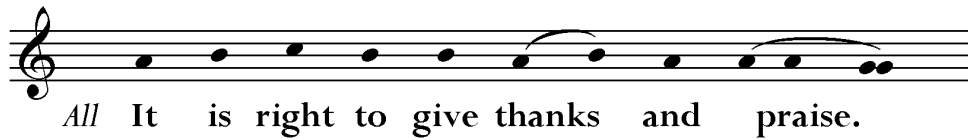
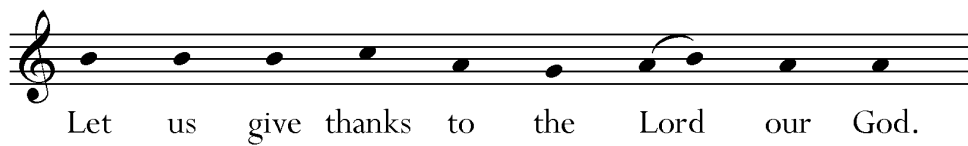
St John Damascene
Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be_ with you *All* and_ al - so_ with you.

Lift____ up your_ hearts._ *All* We lift them to_ the Lord.



It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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 that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to 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 this, all of you;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The deacon says

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All



Bles - sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power
be yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

You are invited either to sit or remain standing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion. Please sit until directed by the Stewards.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion if they wish. Please indicate if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the communion station and bow your head.

During communion, the choir sings

AGNUS DEI

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.

THE MOTET

O salutaris Hostia,
quae caeli pandis ostium:
bella premunt hostilia,
da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below:
our foes press hard on every side;
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.*

Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria:
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria. Amen.

*All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three:
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee. Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Please stand.

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 not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our 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 SENDING OUT

HYMN



‘The kingdom is upon you!’
the voice of Jesus cries,
fulfilling with its message
the wisdom of the wise;
it lightens with fresh insight
the striving human mind,
creating new dimensions
of faith for all to find.

‘God’s kingdom is upon you!’
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith’s road before us,
and trod it to the end.

**The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit's breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole.**

*Common Praise 590
Robert Willis (b. 1947)*

*Wolvercote
W. H. Ferguson (1874-1950)*

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME

BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the procession departs, and then sit for a period of quiet contemplation as the organ voluntary is played.

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