

St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh



Advent I

Cathedral Eucharist

27th November 2022 | 10.30am

Preacher: The Chaplain
Byrd Mass for Four Voices

Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral

Our service, which is laid out in this booklet, is a Eucharist. Like Christians throughout the ages, we gather to reflect on scripture together, to pray for our world, and to share bread and wine as Christ's body and blood given for the life of all. Please join in the words in bold in this service sheet. At various points in our liturgy it is our custom to stand or sit, but please do whatever is comfortable for you.

All who wish to receive communion are welcome to do so. If you would rather receive a blessing, then please indicate this by folding your hands across your chest when you go forward.

At communion, a steward will guide you. Please take your place at the kneelers around the altar, standing or kneeling as you wish. **We have now re-instituted communion in both kinds – i.e. the bread and wine – but it is your choice as to whether you receive both or just the one kind (bread).** If you are receiving communion either way, please remain at the kneeler until both the bread and the wine have been offered to you:

- If you wish to receive the wine, please let the ministrant bring it to your lips to offer you a sip. Intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) is not permitted.
- Please do not put your hands around the rim of the chalice (the communion cup). If you need to guide it, please touch only the base or the stem.
- If you do not wish to receive the wine, please fold your hands across your chest at that point. The wine will be presented to you, but not to your lips.

Afterwards please return to your seat via the side aisles.

Our Sunday Club for Primary-aged children meets today in the Walpole Hall. If you don't know where this is, a welcomer will be able to point you in the right direction. There is a play area at the West End of the Cathedral, which families with young children are more than welcome to use.

There will be no collection during the service. Please support the Cathedral as you leave – cash can be left in the donation box and there is also a contactless donation machine. If you would like to support the Cathedral through regular donations, please fill out the form on the back of this service sheet. Thank you for your generosity.

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We gather

Responsory Palestrina ad. Willcocks *I look from afar*

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

*Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?*

High and low, rich and poor, one with another;

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come.

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.

to reign over thy people Israel?

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar...

Responsory for the First Sunday of Advent, Roman Rite

Opening Hymn NEH I

**Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, 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 heavenly grace.**

**Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.**

**At thy great name, exalted now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
And things in heaven 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 every 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.**

*7th century hymn tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66) and Editors of the New English Hymnal
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Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blessed are you, God of all time:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called our ancestors to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

Confession and Absolution

When Christ comes,
the things now hidden in darkness are brought into the light,
and the purposes of the heart are disclosed.
In that light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie *(sung by the choir)*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and 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 both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word

Reading Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn NEH 6

**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.**

Philip Doddridge (1702-51)

Gospel Acclamation

(sung) 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.

Gospel Matthew 24.36-44

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

(sung) Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sermon

Rev'd Janet Spence, Cathedral Chaplain

We reflect together on what our readings reveal for us today.

We respond in faith and prayer

The Nicene Creed *which Christians have shared since 381 A.D.*

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 substance 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 of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
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.
With the Father and the Son,
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

Intercessions

Prayer is offered for the world and all its people, particularly for those who suffer and those in need, and for the Church.

We share the Peace of Christ

Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with your neighbours.

Offertory Hymn NEH 16*

**Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya! The wedding song
Swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna! Let us prepare
To follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.**

**Every soul in thee rejoices;
From earth and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya! Grant us to raise,
To length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.**

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) based on Matthew 25:1-13 tr. F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

We Celebrate Communion

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord:

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Dawn and evening celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son

the life of heaven and earth were joined,
sealing the promise of a new creation,
given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit,

we who bear your threefold likeness
look for the City of Peace
in whose light we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by the choir)*

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.

In Jesus you showed us yourself.

Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one.

Obedient, even to accepting death,

He opened the gate of glory

and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,

alight with the vision of a feast

that heralded a kingdom yet to come,

at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup,

he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,

that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.

We recall his blessed passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension;

and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts

and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,

and send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this bread and this wine,

that, overshadowed by your Spirit’s life-giving power,

they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,

and we may be kindled with the fire of your love

and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters,
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,
world without end. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say the prayer in the language or version with which you are most familiar

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**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.**

Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Sharing of Communion

Communion is shared at the Nave Altar. All who wish to receive are warmly invited to do so. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer please go to the Lectern side (right hand side) and indicate that you require gluten-free.

Motet Bach Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland (BWV 62, no. 1)

*Saviour of the nations, come;
virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.*

*German hymn for Advent by Martin Luther (1483-1546)
based on the ancient Latin hymn "Veni redemptor gentium"*

We give thanks and are sent out

Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

**Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body,
we have tasted the wine of his new life.
We thank you for these gifts
by which we are made one in him
and drawn into that new creation
which is your will for all;
through him who died for us and rose again,
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Notices

Closing Hymn NEH 7

**Hills of the North, rejoice,
Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice
Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,
Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze
Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes,
Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest
In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

Please turn to face the West End during the final verse

**Shout, as you journey on,
Songs be in every mouth,
Lo, from the North they come,
From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.**

*C. E. Oakley (1832-65) and editors of the New English Hymnal
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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 among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary Milford *For thou, O Lord, art with me still (Op. 82)*

You are warmly invited to join us for tea and coffee in the Resurrection Chapel (to the right of the choir) after the service. Please be respectful to those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary by minimising noise while the organist is still playing.

Notices

Details of Services this week can be found on our website:

www.cathedral.net/music-list/

One World Stall will be open after this morning's service in the Resurrection Chapel. We will have Christmas cards and gifts as well as a range of Fair Trade food items including tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, rice. Payment by card or cash. Please collect pre-ordered Advent calendars today. One World Stall will also be open on the next two Sundays, 4 and 11 December.

Morning of Pilgrimage and Prayer - Saturday 3 December, 10 am – 12 noon: You are warmly invited to mark the beginning of Advent by making your own pilgrimage of prayer and meditation around the Cathedral and the grounds that surround it. This marks the launch of our new leaflet, *Praying Your Way Around the Cathedral and its Grounds*, which you'll receive as you arrive. This leaflet provides a guided route for you to follow, with prayers and spiritual texts that you may want to use at each of the stations along the route. Please feel free to take everything at your own pace, and to stay for as long as you want. Tea and coffee will be served in the Resurrection Chapel, so do make your way there at the end of your journeying. A member of the clergy will also be available in the Cathedral for anyone who would like to speak to them.

The **December Cathedral Conversation** on Zoom will be led by **Revd Canon Paul Foster**, Professor of New Testament at the University of Edinburgh, who will speak on **The Historical Evidence Relating to Jesus**. What can be known of Jesus with a high degree of certainty? What are the "facts" about his life that those of the Christian faith and those without that faith commitment might agree upon? This discussion will explore what types of evidence ancient historians might consider reliable for reconstructing the life of Jesus. It will distinguish between the Christ of faith, the "real" Jesus, and the historical Jesus. It will then consider a selection of traditions about Jesus both in the gospels and in other sources in order to assess which ones a historian might consider reliable for reconstructing the life of Jesus of Nazareth. **Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm**. Please email office@cathedral.net for the Zoom link.

Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's in aid of Maggie's Edinburgh is back on **Thursday 8th December**. Come together to support Maggie's this Christmas with festive readings, carols and performances from musicians and Singers from St Mary's Choir. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets cost £19.50 and can be purchased here: <https://carols-by-candlelight-at-st-marys22.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Could you or someone you know help support our cathedral choir by providing short-term accommodation to a new lay clerk? Increasing costs of (and competition for) rental accommodation in Edinburgh is making it difficult to recruit singers. Few potential lay clerks are coming forward for audition, with the cost of living being a particular strain. By offering up to three months' accommodation you would be assisting us recruit singers from outside Edinburgh who would like to move here to take up the position of a lay clerk with the cathedral choir. Those three months would give them time to look around, find somewhere to live and, if appropriate, additional employment. If you or somebody you know might be able to help please contact the Vice-Provost (marion@cathedral.net) and she will be pleased to discuss with you.

Please use the following tear-off slip to express interest in any of the aspects listed (please tick as appropriate). Please leave the slip on your chair.

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Please send me details of how I can regularly financially contribute

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