



# **THE EUCHARIST**

**ON THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**Sunday 12 December 2021  
at 11.00am**

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Third Sunday of Advent.

We also welcome those live-streaming from home, who share this service with those present in the Minster.

*The setting of the Eucharist is the MISSA BREVIS by G P da Palestrina with chant from MASS VIII.*

*The Preacher is the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean.*

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## Information about this Service

- ◆ The service will be sung by the Choir of York Minster.
- ◆ York Minster is keeping a number of safety measures in place to help keep our worshippers, visitors, staff and volunteers safe.
- ◆ Our staff and volunteers will continue to wear face masks and we strongly encourage worshippers to wear face coverings unless they are exempt.
- ◆ To allow people to maintain physical distancing, we continue to limit the capacity in the building.
- ◆ Please follow the directions of the stewards throughout the service.
- ◆ We will continue to carry out additional cleaning of high contact areas of the cathedral throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is available for your use.
- ◆ We will continue to display QR code posters near the entrance to the Minster so worshippers can check in using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- ◆ Currently, Holy Communion is administered in one kind only. If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are very welcome to receive communion here. If you do not wish to take communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and let the minister know.
- ◆ Gluten-free communion wafers are available from the communion station at the front, nearest the altar. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. When the time comes to receive communion, please ask the minister for a gluten-free wafer.
- ◆ This service is being live-streamed, but care is taken to focus on the clergy and not the congregation. For licensing and safeguarding reasons, please do not record this service on your own devices.
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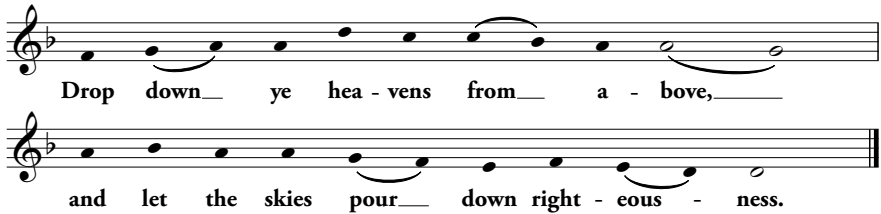
*Please join in saying together the words printed in bold type.*

# The Gathering

*Please stand as the ADVENT PROSE is sung. The choir sings the first response and the verses. The congregation is invited to join in the responses following each verse.*

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

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever:  
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.



We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

**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.

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

## 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 President welcomes those joining from home and introduces the service.*

*Please remain standing.*

## Prayer at the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth  
as a burning and shining light.  
May we your servants rejoice in his light,  
and so be led to witness to him  
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,  
Jesus our Saviour and king of the ages.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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

## Prayers of Penitence

*A minister introduces the confession.*

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.**

*As the Advent wreath is raised, the choir sings:*

Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>

*The President says 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.

*There is a short period of prayerful silence.*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
 he will renew you in his love;  
 he will exult over you with loud singing  
 as on a day of festival.  
 I will remove disaster from you,  
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
 I will deal with all your oppressors  
 at that time.  
 And I will save the lame  
 and gather the outcast,  
 and I will change their shame into praise  
 and renown in all the earth.  
 At that time I will bring you home,  
 at the time when I gather you;  
 for I will make you renowned and praised  
 among all the peoples of the earth,  
 when I restore your fortunes  
 before your eyes, says the Lord.

ZEPHANIAH 3.14-end

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gradual Hymn



1. 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.



2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Stretch forth thine 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.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Spirit blest, for evermore.

*Words* Charles Coffin (1676–1749) tr. John Chandler (1808–76)

*Tune* WINCHESTER NEW, NEH 12,

adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch* Hamburg (1690)

*Please sit.*

## New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4.4–7

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*The Gospel may be heralded by music played on the organ.*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

LUKE 3, 7-18

*After the Gospel the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Music is played to honour the Gospel.*

*Please sit for the sermon.*

## **Sermon**

The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean

*The organist improvises a reflective response.*

*Please stand to say the Creed.*

## **The Creed**

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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**

*This response is used:*

Maranatha:  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.  
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The President introduces the Peace:*

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation are invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn

*The Offertory Hymn is sung, during which the table is prepared, and the gifts and the altar are censed.*



1. Now from the heavens descending  
    is seen a glorious light,  
the bride of Christ in splendour,  
    arrayed in purest white.  
She is the holy city,  
    whose radiance is the grace  
of all the saints in glory,  
    from every time and place.
  
2. This is the hour of gladness  
    for bridegroom and for bride.  
The Lamb's great feast is ready,  
    his bride is at his side.  
How blest are those invited  
    to share his wedding feast:  
the least become the greatest,  
    the greatest are the least.

3. He who is throned in heaven  
takes up his dwelling place  
among his chosen people,  
who see him face to face.  
No sound is heard of weeping,  
for pain and sorrow cease,  
and sin shall reign no longer,  
but love and joy and peace.

4. See how a new creation  
is brought at last to birth,  
a new and glorious heaven,  
a new and glorious earth.  
Death's power for ever broken,  
its empire swept away,  
the promised dawn of glory  
begins its endless day.

*Words* AM 43, James Quinn, SJ (1919–2010)  
*Tune* EWING, AM 683, Alexander Ewing (1830–95)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*This prayer is said as the gifts are presented:*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

**Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*The following dialogue is said or sung:*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you and also with you." The second staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise."

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, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
pleni sunt caeli 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.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*The congregation is invited to sit or kneel.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Peter the Apostle, William of York, and all the saints,  
to feast at your table in heaven.



Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*A short silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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, saying:*

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

*The President says an invitation to communion:*

Jesus is 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 body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*During the distribution of Communion the choir sings:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:    *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
miserere nobis.                                    the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:    *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
dona nobis pacem.                                the world, grant us peace.*

*and*

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine  
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.  
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine.  
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind:  
from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood;  
give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food.*

*Words* Latin, 14th century

*Music* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–91)

*Communion is administered at a number of places. You will be guided by the Stewards.*

# Prayer after Communion

*The congregation stands.*

*The President says*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Hymn



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| 1. The Lord will come and not be slow,<br>his footsteps cannot err;<br>before him righteousness shall go,<br>his royal harbinger.              | 3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,<br>this wicked earth redress;<br>for thou art he who shalt by right<br>the nations all possess. |
| 2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,<br>shall bud and blossom then;<br>and justice, from her heavenly bower,<br>look down on mortal men. | 4. The nations all whom thou hast made<br>shall come, and all shall frame<br>to bow them low before thee, Lord,<br>and glorify thy name.     |

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

*Words* John Milton (1608–74)

*Tune* ST STEPHEN, NEH 15, William Jones (1726–1800)

## The Dismissal

*Please remain standing.*

*The President says:*

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.**

## Recessional Psalm

*Psalm 67 is sung by the choir as the procession leaves.*