



THE EUCHARIST

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Sunday 5 December 2021
at 11.00am

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Second 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 MASS IN G MINOR by Ralph Vaughan Williams, with chant from MASS IX.

The Preacher is the Revd Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner.

Could your child be a chorister at York Minster?

Children currently in Year 3 with a love of singing are encouraged to audition for a place in York Minster's world famous choir and the chance to be educated at St Peter's School, York. Children joining the choir will be part of an internationally renowned team of singers whose voices are an essential part of worship at the cathedral.

Formal singing experience is not required and The Chapter of York provides a bursary for each chorister worth 60% of their school fees with means-tested funding potentially increasing the level of funding to 100%.

More information can be found at
www.stpetersyork.org.uk/admissions/chorister-admissions

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.
- ◆ If you would like to make a donation to support the mission and ministry of York Minster, there are contactless donation points and collection boxes available as you leave.

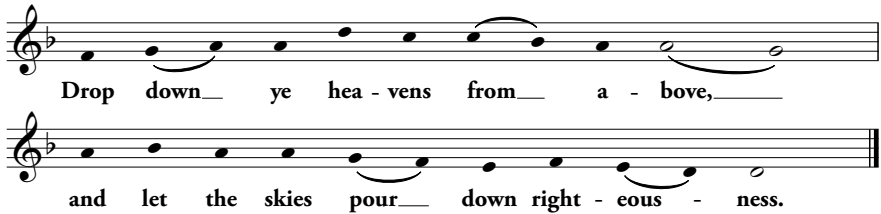
Please join in saying together the words printed in bold type.

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.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The second 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, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

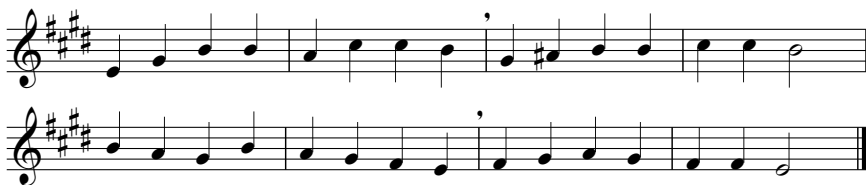
For they went out from you on foot,
 led away by their enemies;
 but God will bring them back to you,
 carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
 For God has ordered that every high mountain
 and the everlasting hills be made low
 and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
 so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
 The woods and every fragrant tree
 have shaded Israel at God's command.
 For God will lead Israel with joy,
 in the light of his glory,
 with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

BARUCH 5

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn



1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
 'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day!'
2. Startled at the solemn warning,
 let the earth-bound soul arise;
 Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
 shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
 comes with pardon down from heaven;
 let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
 one and all to be forgiven;
4. So when next he comes in glory,
 and earth's final hour draws near,
 may he then as our defender
 on the clouds of heaven appear.

5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Words Latin, 6th century tr Edward Caswall (1814–78)

Tune MERTON, NEH 5, W H Monk (1823–89)

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

PHILIPPIANS 1.3–11

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.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

LUKE 3,1-6

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 Revd Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner

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. Hills of the North, rejoice;
 river and mountain-spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
 valley and lowland sing;
though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
 he judgement brings, and victory.

2. Isles of the Southern seas,
 deep in your coral caves
pent be each warring breeze,
 lulled be your restless waves:
he comes to reign with boundless sway,
 and makes your wastes his great highway.

3. Lands of the east, awake,
 soon shall your sons be free;
the sleep of ages break,
 and rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
 has dawned the everlasting day.

4. Shores of the utmost west,
 ye that have waited long,
unvisited, unblest,
 break forth to swelling song;
high raise the note, that Jesus died,
 yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

5. Shout, while ye journey home;
 songs be in every mouth;
 lo, from the north we come,
 from east and west and south.
 City of God, the bond are free,
 we come to live and reign in thee!

Words C E Oakley (1832–65)

Tune LITTLE CORNARD, NEH 7, Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

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 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 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.*

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

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands.

The President says

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



1. Lift up your heads, you mighty gates,
 behold, the King of Glory waits,
the King of kings is drawing near,
 the Saviour of the world is here.
2. O blest the land, the city blest
 where Christ the ruler is confessed.
O happy hearts and happy homes
 to whom this King in triumph comes.
3. Fling wide the portals of your heart,
 make it a temple set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
 adorned with prayer and love and joy.
4. Come then, O Saviour, and abide,
 our hearts to thee be open wide:
may all thy inward presence feel,
 to all thy grace and love reveal. Amen.

Words G Weissel (1590–1635), NEH 8 tr. Catherine Winckworth (1827–78) and Editors
Tune GONFALON ROYAL, NEH 128, Percy Buck (1871–1947)

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:

God be merciful unto us, and bless us ♦ and shew us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us:

That thy way may be known upon earth ♦ thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God ♦ yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad ♦ for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God ♦ let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase ♦ and God, even our own God,
shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us ♦ and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son ♦ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be ♦ world without end. Amen.

Material in this Order of Service is taken from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England* and *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*, copyright © 2000–2006 the Presidents' Council. The texts of the Scripture readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (Anglicized edition), copyright © 1989, 1994 the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. This compilation is copyright © 2021 The Chapter of York.