



THE EUCHARIST

**ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**Sunday 19 December 2021
at 11.00am**

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Fourth 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 Jonathan Dove.

The Preacher is the Revd Catriona Cumming, Succentor.

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.
- ◆ It is now mandatory for all those attending worship to wear a face covering unless exempt.
- ◆ We encourage everyone to leave seats between their households and maintain physical distancing.
- ◆ We have reduced the capacity for all services.
- ◆ When we anticipate a high level of demand, services will be fully ticketed, in order to keep to a safe capacity and enable physical distancing.
- ◆ Hand sanitisers are placed around the building for use at any time.
- ◆ We have various measures to enable people to enter and exit the building safely.
- ◆ Please follow the safety announcements and directions of our Stewards to help everyone stay safe this winter.
- ◆ 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.

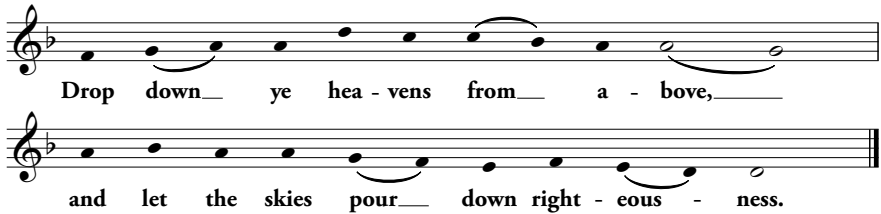
Please join in saying together the words printed in bold type.

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, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God for ever.

The fourth 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.

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

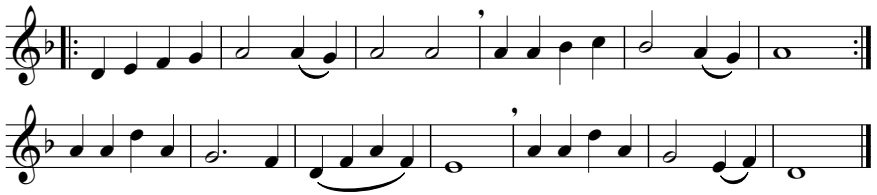
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

MICAH 5.2-5a

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn



1. Earth was waiting, spent and restless,
with a mingled hope and fear,
faithful men and women praying,
‘Surely, Lord, the day is near:
the Desire of all the nations—
it is time he should appear!’
2. Then the Spirit of the Highest
to a virgin meek came down,
and he burdened her with blessing,
and he pained her with renown;
for she bore the Lord’s anointed
for his cross and for his crown.

3. Earth has groaned and laboured for him
since the ages first began,
for in him was hid the secret
which through all the ages ran—
Son of Mary, Son of David,
Son of God, and Son of Man.

Words Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

Tune PICARDY, AM 34, French carol melody

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,
‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When Christ said, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’

He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

HEBREWS 10.5–10

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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

LUKE 1.39-45

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 Catriona Cumming, Succentor

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:

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

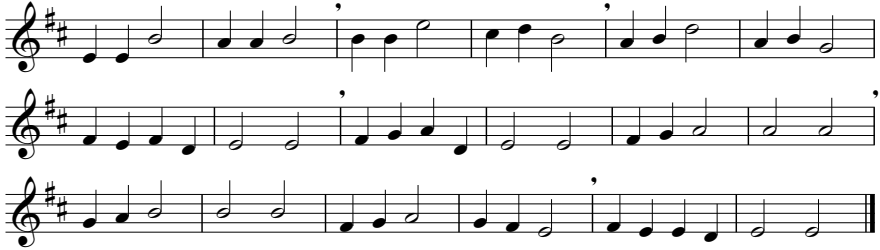
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

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. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
 bear his people's burden,
 freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
 When he comes,
 when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

2. God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
 born himself of woman,
 God divinely human:
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
 When he comes,
 when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
 till the time expected,
 nurtured and protected:
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
 When he comes,
 when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

4. Journey ends: where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
 Unborn Son of Mary,
 Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
 Jesus comes!
 Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome?

Words F Pratt Green (1903–2000)
Tune PERSONENT HODIE, NEH 10, Piae Cantiones (1582)

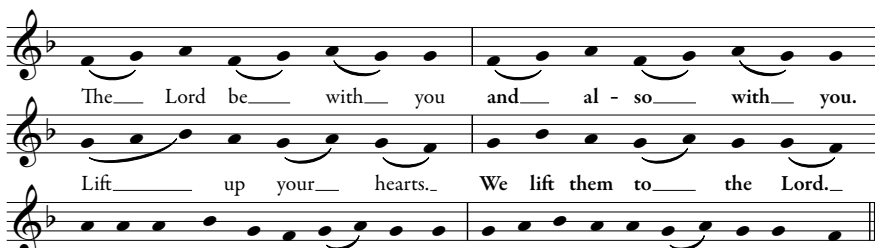
Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
to proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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

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, your aid supply, your strength bestow.*

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Words St Thomas Aquinas (1225–74) and Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971)
Music James MacMillan (b. 1959)

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

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands.

The President says

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse! free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:
3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
4. O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Words trans. J M Neale from the ancient Advent antiphons
Tune VENI EMMANUEL, AM 45, adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811–90)

The Dismissal

Please remain standing.

The President says:

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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.

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