



# THE EUCHARIST

ON THE

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

**Sunday 2 January 2022**

**at 11.00am**

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas.

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

We are grateful to members of the choir of St John the Baptist Church, Knaresborough, who are singing our services this weekend.

*The setting of the Eucharist is the setting in F by Harold Darke.*

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

## Information about this Service

- ◆ 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 for the Processional Hymn.*

## Processional Hymn



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| 1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,<br>and manifest thy virgin-birth:<br>let every age adoring fall,<br>such birth befits the God of all.    | 3. O equal to thy Father, thou!<br>Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,<br>the weakness of our mortal state<br>with deathless might invigorate                                   |
| 2. Begotten of no human will,<br>but of the Spirit thou art still<br>the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,<br>the Saviour, now to man displayed. | 4. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,<br>and darkness glow with new-born light,<br>no more shall night extinguish day,<br>where love's bright beams their power display. |
| 5. O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee<br>eternal praise and glory be,<br>whom with the Father we adore<br>and Holy Spirit, evermore.                |   |

*Words* St Ambrose (340–97) translated by John Mason Neale (1818–66) and others  
*Tune* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, NEH 19, M Praetorius (1571–1621)

## 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 of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*A Minister says:*

My brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and 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 President says:*

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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*The choir sings:*

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Please remain standing.*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
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 Jeremiah.

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.



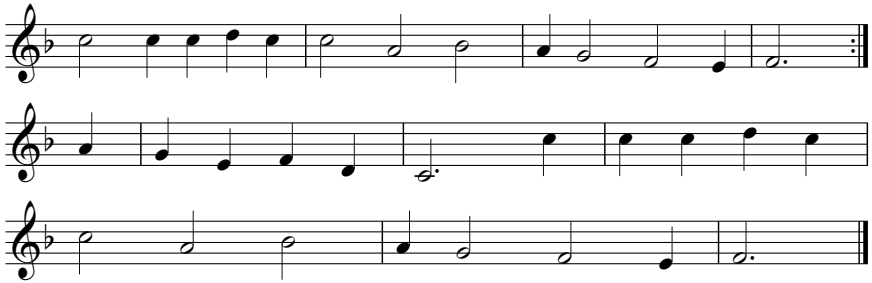
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

JEREMIAH 31.7-14

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

*Please stand.*

### Gradual Hymn



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| <p>1. A great and mighty wonder,<br/>a full and holy cure!<br/>the virgin bears the infant<br/>with virgin-honour pure.<br/>Repeat the hymn again!<br/>‘To God on high be glory,<br/>and peace on earth to men!’</p> <p>2. The word becomes incarnate<br/>and yet remains on high!<br/>and Cherubim sing anthems<br/>to shepherds from the sky.<br/>Repeat the hymn again!<br/>‘To God on high be glory,<br/>and peace on earth to men!’</p> | <p>3. While thus they sing your Monarch,<br/>those bright angelic bands,<br/>rejoice, ye vales and mountains,<br/>ye oceans clap your hands.<br/>Repeat the hymn again!<br/>‘To God on high be glory,<br/>and peace on earth to men!’</p> <p>4. Since all he comes to ransom,<br/>by all be he adored,<br/>the infant born in Beth’em,<br/>the Saviour and the Lord.<br/>Repeat the hymn again!<br/>‘To God on high be glory,<br/>and peace on earth to men!’</p> |
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5. And idol forms shall perish,  
and error shall decay,  
and Christ shall wield his sceptre,  
our Lord and God for ay.  
Repeat the hymn again!  
‘To God on high be glory,  
and peace on earth to men!’

*Words* Greek, St Germanus (634–734) translated J M Neale (1818–66)  
*Tune* ES IST EIN ROS’ ENTSPRUNGEN, NEH 21, German Carol Melody

*Please sit.*

## New Testament Reading

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

EPHESIANS 1.3–14

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

*Please stand.*

## 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 John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

JOHN 1.10-18

*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.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The President introduces the prayers with these words:*

In the power of the Spirit,  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*Please sit or kneel.*

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy                      *OR*                      Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.**    **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The prayers may conclude:*

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

*Please stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace:*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince 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



1. Of the Father's heart begotten  
ere the world from chaos rose,  
he is Alpha: from that fountain  
all that is and hath been flows;  
he is Omega, of all things  
yet to come the mystic Close,  
evermore and evermore.
2. By his word was all created;  
he commanded and 'twas done;  
earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
universe of three in one,  
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
evermore and evermore.
3. This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
sang in ages long gone by;  
this is he of old revealed  
in the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
let the world his praises cry,  
evermore and evermore.
4. Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises;  
angels and archangels, sing!  
Whereso'er ye be, ye faithful,  
let your joyous anthems ring,  
ev'ry tongue his name confessing,  
countless voices answering,  
evermore and evermore.

*Words* Prudentius (348–413) trans. R F Davis (1866–1937)

*Tune* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, NEH 33, Piae Cantiones (1582)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

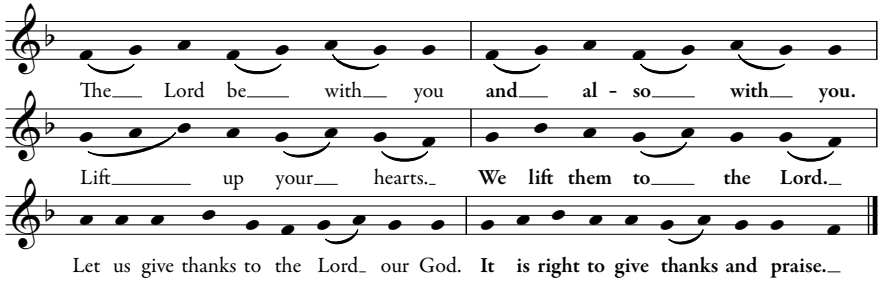
*This prayer is said as the gifts are presented:*

Word made flesh, light of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

**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) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you and al - so with you." The second staff contains: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise."

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.  
In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*The choir sings:*

**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.**

*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:*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*During the distribution of Communion the choir sings:*

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.

*and*

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,  
the worship of the wise men  
and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.  
May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly,  
all things heavenly, and fill you with joy and peace.  
And the blessing of God, the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always, Amen.

*Words from Common Worship ♦ Music Philip Stopford (b. 1978)*

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

# Prayer after Communion

*The congregation stands.*

*The President says*

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
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



1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

2: O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.

*Words* Phillips Brooks (1835–93)

*Tune* FOREST GREEN, NEH 32, English traditional melody

3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

## The Dismissal

*Please remain standing.*

*The President says:*

Christ, who by his incarnation  
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
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.**