



The Parish
Eucharist
on
The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 28 November, 2021

9.00am

We are still taking every care to follow appropriate social distancing good practice in this act of worship. Our current practice remains in principle the same – keep socially distanced and keep safe. Our advice below is now *recommended*, not compulsory.

- Please wear a mask as you enter and leave the cathedral.
- Please do not sit next to another person unless you have their express permission to do so.
- Once you sit down you may choose to keep wearing your mask or remove it.
- You may join in the hymns if you wish.
- Communion will be in one kind only and is distributed in the north and south aisle of the nave – please follow the invitations of the stewards.
- If you missed the point for the collection, please give as you leave.

You have the option to use the NHS Test and Trace QR codes that are available in the building.

Please be in touch if you need us.

Thank you. Keep safe.



*The candles which are alight on the Advent Wreath,
count down the Sundays to Christmas
reflecting different themes:*

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| • Advent 1 | The Patriarchs |
| • Advent 2 | The Prophets |
| • Advent 3 | John the Baptist |
| • Advent 4 | The Virgin Mary |
| • Christmas Day | The Christ |

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Canon Rowena Pailing
Vice Dean and Canon Missioner

The service is sung by the
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is
St Anne's Mass by James Macmillan (b. 1959)

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Jeremiah 33.14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'



The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

HELMSLEY 9



Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Christ, the Lamb for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Those dear tokens of his Passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), John Cennick (1718-1755)

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the celebration

The Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs 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.

The Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Everyone sings

Musical notation for the hymn "Lord, have mercy." The piece is in 3/4 time and begins with a 4-measure rest. The melody is written on a single staff in G major. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, -have mer-cy Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy." The notation includes a 4-measure rest at the beginning, followed by notes for each phrase, with a fermata over the final note of the second phrase.

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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Read by Jane Hollins-Gibson

(1 Thessalonians 3.9-13)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

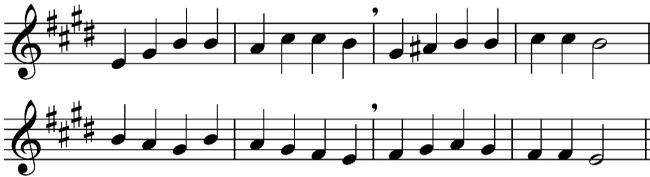
Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Please stand with the president to sing

Gradual Hymn

MERTON 38



Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding:
'Christ is nigh' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness
O ye children of the day!'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

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.

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy may he shield us
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Tr E Caswall (1814-78)

The Gospel

(Luke 21.25-36)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Canon Rowena Pailing

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.

Please stand with the president for

The Creed

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

cf Revelation 4.8, 11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Christine O'Neill

This response is used

Maranatha:
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

We pray today for those who are sick at home or in hospital:

Angelina Quarcoo, Frank Howarth, Jordan Hudson, Karen Spencer, Lynn Martin,
Martyn Strickett, Mike Shepherdson, Rita Murray, Sue Penfold, Tara,
*for those who mourn, those who have recently died,
and those whose anniversaries fall this week*

Charles Lester, Dorothy Anderson, Isobel Galilee,
Lesley Ranson, Norman Wicks, Philip Roberts

And at the end:

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

Please stand with the president for the peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace and then says

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

Let us greet one another with a word of peace.

Please do not move from your seat when offering a greeting.

The pandemic has presented the cathedral with many challenges, including a significant loss of income.

Please give what you prayerfully can in the collection basket. You may prefer to use the collection point on the way out or use the Cathedral's Just Giving scheme which you can access using the QR code provided here.



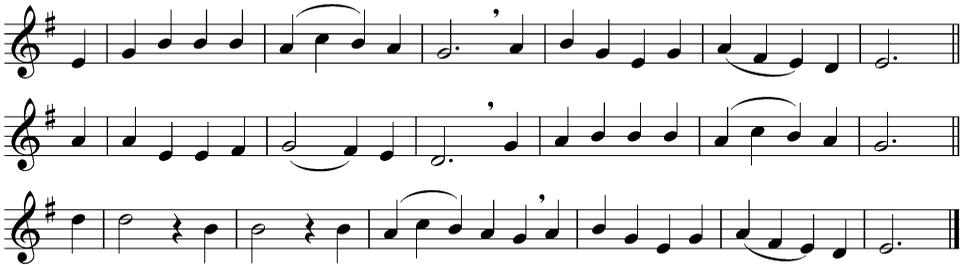
If you are a UK tax payer and not a member of the Cathedral Stewardship Scheme, please use and sign the blue gift aid forms provided on your chair. Please do consider setting up a standing order.

Preparation of the Table

[This was completed before the service began]

Please remain standing to sing

VENI EMMANUEL II



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.*

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Latin 13th century translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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 saying:

Everyone sings

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly_ Lord God of_ power and
might._ Heav'n and earth are_ full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in_ the_

high - est. Bless-ed is he, oh bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 Mary, Paul 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

**Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ،الذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ...
Têve Mūsū, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...**

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Giving of Communion

The president says

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.**

When you are ready to receive communion please approach the president in single file and return to your seat by one of the side aisles.

Communion is in one kind only, and the minister distributing communion will say

The body of Christ.
Amen.

If you, or someone with you would like a blessing, please ask.

While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down.

During communion

The choir sings

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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.

Please stand

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
(Saviour of the nations, come)

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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Please note the time of the Advent carol
Service today is 4.00pm

There will be refreshments after the service provided
by the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral.

Next Sunday

Old Testament reading

Psalm

New Testament reading

Gospel Reading

The Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4

Benedictus

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

Street Closures

There are a number of street closures on Sunday 12 December from 9.00am – 11.30am for the Blackburn 10K.

Due to the event there will be road closures in place on the day, approved by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, as follows:

09:00-11:30	Nuttall Street, Kidder Street, Bolton Road (A666)
09:00-10:10	Canterbury Street, Darwen Street, Weir Street, Freckleton Street, St Peter Street
09:00-10:20	Jubilee Street, Railway Road, Astley Gate, Corporation Street
09:10-10:30	Lord Street, King William Street, Northgate, Blakey Moor, St Paul Street
09:10-10:40	Wainwright Way, Montague Street (A6078), Feilden Street, Barton Street, King Street
09:15-11:00	Bank Top (A674)
09:15-11:30	Spring Lane, Stancliffe Street, Hollin Bridge Street, Aqueduct Road.

Advent Sermon Series at the Cathedral

For the four Sundays of Advent there will be a short sermon series at both 9.00am and 10.30am services. 'In looking at aspects of welcome and putting them in the context of a Rule of Life, the series will explore:

Advent 1. *Please wipe your feet!*

Advent 2. *Make yourself at home.*

Advent 3. *Have you got a Clubcard?*

Advent 4. *From welcome to invitation.*

Diocesan Advent resource

"After God's Own Heart" has readings and reflection for each day of Advent and Christmas day. Please collect your copy from the back of the cathedral.

Sunday School meets today during the 10.30am Eucharist. Extra helpers are always needed. If you feel you could support the Sunday school leaders please talk to Ruth.

Knit & Knatter Group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 2.00-4.00pm in Caedmon, the Cathedral Conference Suite. New members are very welcome.

Confirmation – if you are interested exploring confirmation – no strings attached – please speak with one of the clergy or our licensed minister.

Pew Bibles – the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral are hoping to provide bibles for the use of members of the congregation. There is an opportunity for people to sponsor and dedicate a pew bible. If you are interested applications forms, which include more information, are available at the back of the Cathedral.

Monday 29 Nov

*Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving
for the Missionary Work of the Church*

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 105

Tuesday 30 Nov

Andrew the Apostle

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist

5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Rose in E

Responses Dore

I give you a new commandment - Nardone

Psalm 107

Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916

Wednesday 1 Dec

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am Eucharist (BCP)

1.00pm St Gabriel's School Carol Concert

5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Sunsion in G

Responses Radcliffe

A prayer of St Richard of Chichester - White

Psalm 119.129-152

Thursday 2 Dec

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist

5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Stanford in B-flat

Responses Radcliffe

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day - Carter

Psalm 114, 116, 117

Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552

Friday 3 Dec

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

2.00pm Westholme Junior School Carol Service

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 130, 131, 137

7.30pm Derian House "Lights of Love" Carol Service

Saturday 4 Dec	<i>John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749</i>	
	<i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637</i>	
9.00am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
4.00pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 118
7.30pm	Handel's Messiah – Blackburn Chamber Choir	
Sunday 5 Dec	The Second Sunday of Advent	
9.00am	The Parish Eucharist	
10.30am	The Cathedral Eucharist	
	<i>Darke in F</i>	
	E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come - Paul Manz	Benedictus
4.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Gibbons Second Service</i>	Responses Radcliffe
	<i>Creator of the stars and light - Scott</i>	Psalm 75
	<i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326</i>	
Monday 6 Dec		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 127
6.30pm	Bolton Music Service Carol Concert	
Tuesday 7 Dec	<i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397</i>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
1.00pm	St Andrew's Oswaldtwistle School Carols	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Watson in E-flat</i>	Responses Plainsong
	<i>Blessed Virgin's cradle song - Bairstow</i>	Psalm 134, 135
6.30pm	Feniscowles School Carol Service	
Wednesday 8 Dec	<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
11.30am	Eucharist (BCP)	
1.00pm	St Bartholomew's School, Great Harwood Carols	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Moore (2nd service)</i>	Responses Sumsion
	<i>Torches - Joubert</i>	Psalm 136
Thursday 9 Dec		
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 138, 140, 141
6.00pm	Westholme Senior School Carol Service	
Friday 10 Dec		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
12.30pm	Eucharist	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Noble in B minor</i>	Responses Sumsion
	<i>There is no rose - Britten</i>	Psalm 145
Saturday 11 Dec		
9.00am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
4.00pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 148
7.30pm	Christmas Spectacular	



Thank you for taking part in the reverse advent calendar 2021!

Please see www.blackburn.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate/food for information on dropping your donations off.

Tel: 01254 672756 Email: info@blackburn.foodbank.org.uk

1 Tinned Fish	2 Mince Pies	3 Breakfast Bars	4 UHT Long-life Milk	5 Soap	6 Christmas Pudding (non-alcoholic)
7 Tinned Carrots	8 Small Tinned Ham	9 Tinned Fruit	10 Box of biscuits/ chocolate	11 Tinned Baked Beans	12 Shower Gel
13 Tinned Soup	14 Packet of Biscuits	15 Tinned Potatoes	16 Deodorant	17 Biscuits for Cheese	18 Tinned Custard
19 Pickles/ Sauce	20 Toothpaste	21 Tinned Peas	22 Tea Bags/ Coffee	23 Small Shampoo	24 Gravy Granules

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During Advent we are supporting Blackburn Foodbank and their reverse Advent calendar. For each day there is a specific item named for you to donate. You can bring in your donations at any time to the collection point here in the Cathedral: there is no need to wait until you have collected all twenty four items!