



The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



The Eucharist

Advent 4

18 December 2022

10.30

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral

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**Our purpose is serving Christ and transforming lives
through welcome, worship and encounter.**

- ❖ Welcome to Bradford Cathedral, particularly if you are visiting or with us for the first time – if you are, please do introduce yourself to a Steward or member of the Clergy. We hope you will stay and enjoy refreshments with us after the service, which will be served at the West End of the Cathedral.
- ❖ Large print copies are available from the stewards at the main door.
- ❖ You are invited to join in the words in **bold type** in this order of service and sit or stand as directed as you are able.
- ❖ The Cathedral Choir are directed this morning by Alex Berry, Director of Music, and the organ is played by Graham Thorpe, Assistant Director of Music.
- ❖ During the offertory hymn, a plate will be passed around for offerings. You can also make an offering: via the contactless card reader at the back, online via <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/get-involved/donate/> or by texting SEED followed by the amount you wish to give (max £20) to 70450 (e.g. text “Seed 15” to give £15). NB texts cost gift value, plus one standard message.
- ❖ Communion – please follow the directions of the Stewards when the time comes. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the Eucharistic Minister. For health reasons, we do not permit intinction (dipping the bread in the wine), but you are welcome to receive only the bread if you prefer. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, please speak with one of the stewards at the main door before the start of the service.
- ❖ Please be aware that today’s service is being livestreamed and will be available online for two weeks. If you do not want to appear on the livestream, please speak to one of the stewards who will direct you to a suitable seat.
- ❖ Please do not take pictures or videos during the service, and please either switch off your mobile phone or silence the ringer.
- ❖ Lavatories, including disabled facilities, are available towards the back of church.
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- ❖ In the event of an emergency, please remain calm and seated. Stewards will direct you out of the Cathedral.

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Organ Voluntary

Rorate Caeli, Op. 8

Music: Jeanne Marie-Madeleine Demessieux (1921-1968)

Welcome & Notices

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As the fourth candle is lit to remember the Virgin Mary, we pray together:

**God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.**

Processional Hymn

Please stand.

**Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore!**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)
 Tune: 'Woodlands', Walter Greathorex (1877-1949)
 CP 362

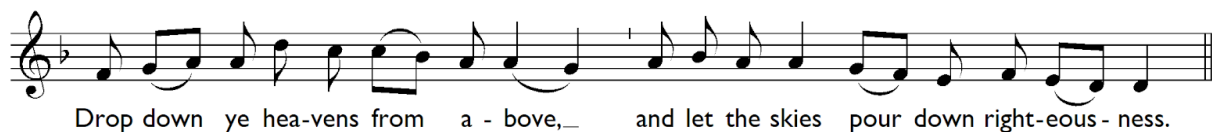
Greeting

In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

We sit or kneel.

The Advent Prose



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

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

Choir 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.**

Music: RORATE CAELI, Mode i

Prayers of Penitence

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.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Silence.

**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.**

Choir Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

Music: The Lockdown Mass by Alexander Berry (b. 1989)

The president declares God's forgiveness:

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.

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.

First Reading

Read by Catherine Warr

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Isaiah 7.10-16

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *cf Isaiah 40.3–5*



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Read by Revd Canon Rod Anderson, Cathedral Chaplain

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1.18-25

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd Pete Gunstone, Interim Precentor

After the opening prayer, please be seated.

The sermon will be followed by a time of silent reflection.

Creed

We stand.

**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.**

We sit.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by John Chuter

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.
We pray for ...

Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.
We pray for ...

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.
We pray for ...

Break into our lives,
where we struggle with sickness and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.
We remember ...

Give us with all the faithful departed
a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.
Lift us up to meet you,
that with Peter and all your saints and angels
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.
Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence

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 Peace

Please stand.

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.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn an offering is taken. For other ways of giving, please see the inside front cover.

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture –
in the body and the blood –
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.**

*Words: Liturgy of St James, tr Gerald Moultrie (1829-1885)
after J M Neale and R F Littledale*

*Tune: 'Picardie', French carol melody in Chansons Populaires Vol 4, Paris (1860)
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
CP 309*

The Table is set with bread and wine.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table.

Please remain standing to pray.

**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 Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Prayer E

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,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Choir 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.

Music: The Lockdown Mass by Alexander Berry (b. 1989)

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, 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 St Peter 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.

We kneel or sit in silence.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

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.**

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

As the ministers receive communion the choir sings:

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Music: The Lockdown Mass by Alexander Berry (b. 1989)

Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. Please indicate to those serving communion if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please keep your hands down.

Communion Motet

There is no rose of such virtue
as is the Rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia.

For in that Rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space,
Res miranda. (an amazing thing)

By that Rose we may well see
There be one God in Persons three
Pares forma. (equal in form)

Then leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyous birth
Transeamus. (let us pass across)

Music: John Joubert (b. 1927)

Prayers after Communion

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

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We stand.

Hymn

**People, look East. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength your seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

*Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)
Tune: 'Besançon', French traditional carol
harmonised by Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
CP 35*

Blessing

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.

Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

We remain standing as the choir and clergy exit.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in F Minor, BWV 534

Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

18 - 25 December and beyond – Dean Andy and Revd Ned are in residence
Online Morning and Evening Prayer are held Monday-Saturday at 9am and 5.30pm

TODAY SUNDAY 18 December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	The Eucharist
	11.30am	Just a Minute Reflection Group
	3.30pm	Choral Evensong
Monday 19 December	6.00pm	City Carol Service
Tuesday 20 December	4.00pm	Bradford Forster Academy Presentation Evening
Wednesday 21 December	8.15am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Advent Meditation 'Nativitas' with poetry and organ
Thursday 22 December	9am & 5.30pm	Online Morning and Evening Prayer
Friday 23 December	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Saturday 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	1.00pm	Annual Choir Lunchtime Christmas Concert
	3.15pm	Messy Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
SUNDAY 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Please note that Choral Evensong will not necessarily be taking place on its usual days in the run up to Christmas due to various Christmas Carol services being held. Please check the details above or on our website or ring the Cathedral Office.

HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

The Cathedral will be closed, apart from services, from Sunday 25th December after the 10.30am Eucharist, and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January at 10am. The Cathedral office will close at 4pm on Friday 23rd December, and re-open at 8am on Tuesday 3rd January.

Online Morning and Evening Prayer will still take place as usual Monday – Saturday during this time.

During the four Sundays of the Advent Season leading up to Christmas, Christian churches will be illuminated with candles as congregations light their Advent wreaths of evergreen, shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize God's eternity. Advent means "coming." It is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. Church decorations are simple and sparse, and purple is the traditional colour used. Advent falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.

We have once more lit the Star in the Tower, and this year we have a light curtain on the State Gate, supported by Bradford BID. You can explore cribs in the Cathedral, and for those on social media you can see our #FestivePhotoADay on Instagram and follow the #CathedralElf with us and Bradford At Night. See our video for Advent and Christmas, with a message from the Dean, on our website and social media.

The FLORAL DISPLAYS during Advent are made initially of greenery which allows us to recognise that the Christian life isn't all about celebration. This week, however, colour is introduced and this change demonstrates our longing for the greenery to turn to flowers, just as we long for sadness and our hope to turn to joy.

THE FAIR TRADE STALL is open today, another chance to buy treats - there's lots of chocolate - and essentials for Christmas.

ADVENT MEDITATION Join us on **Wednesday 21 December from 1pm – 2pm** when Anthony Gray and Revd Ned are to present 'Nativitas' with poems by David Broadbridge and organ music by Philip Moore. There will be light refreshments. **The Organ Recitals return on the 11th January.**

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Christmas Services and events of:

NINE LESSONS and CAROLS on Friday 23rd December at 6pm. Booking is advisable.

CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCHTIME RECITAL on Saturday 24th December at 1pm. This is an annual event with the Cathedral Choir but **booking is essential** as this is a very popular event.

MESSY CRIB Service on Christmas Eve at 3.15pm. Families are most welcome to join us for this service, but please do **book your places** so that we have an idea of numbers.

MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. Do join us if you can for this very special service to mark the beginning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST is at 10.30am.

MINCE PIES During the Advent and Christmas seasons we will host extra services, when we will welcome many people. One of our key values is Hospitality and at Christmas this extends to mince pies whenever a drink is offered and if you are able to donate any we would be really grateful. Please hand them in to either the Office or to any of the staff. Thank you.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS This year's design is available in the Cathedral Shop, alongside other festive gifts. A pack of 10 cards is £6.

WHAT'S ON Our new WHAT'S ON for January - April 2023 is available to pick up at the Cathedral and Visit Bradford tourist information, and to download from our website.

ALPHA A new Alpha Course begins on Tuesday 17th January from 7pm - 9pm. Come and find out more about the Christian Faith and all are welcome. For more details please speak with Dean Andy.

Take a different journey next year.

You're invited to Alpha, a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy and friendly environment.

Each session starts with food in small groups before watching a talk on a question of faith. Then there's plenty of time to share your thoughts – you can say anything you like or nothing at all.

There's no follow up, no charge and never any pressure. **Everyone's welcome.** No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. So why not see where your curiosity takes you?

Stay Curious. Try Alpha.

Starts: Tuesday 17th January, 8pm

Runs for: 10 weeks

Location: de Lacy Centre,
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