

The Cathedral Church of St Peter Bradford



The Eucharist

Advent Sunday

Sunday, 3rd December, 2023 10.30am

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- ❖ 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 is conducted by Graham Thorpe, Interim Organist and Director of Music, and is accompanied by Dr Ed Jones.
- 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 this QR code that will direct you to 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 do not take pictures or videos during the service this is not permitted for safeguarding reasons. Please either switch off your mobile phone or silence the ringer.
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Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Notices

The Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As the first candle is lit to remember the Patriarchs, we pray together:

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

¶ The Preparation

Processional Hymn

We stand as the choir and clergy enter.

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 he may 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. Amen.

> Words: Latin, tr Edward Caswell (1814-1878) Music: W. H. Monk (1823-1889) CP 26

Greeting

The Revd Jude Smith, Director of Church Revitalisation, Diocese of Leeds

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.

Informal words of welcome may be offered.

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 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 beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

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

Music: RORATE CAELI, Mode i

Prayers of Penitence

We sit or kneel.

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 I Corinthians 4.5

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Choir Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.* Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Music: 'Communion Service in E', Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

John Whitham

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

2as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

4From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

5You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

6We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

Isaiah 64.1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

The Gospel Acclamation

We stand.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

The Gospel Reading

The Revd Duncan Milwain, Assistant Curate

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

²⁴ But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Mark 13.24-37

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

The organ is played in response to the gospel reading.

Sermon

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

Following an opening prayer, we sit.

The sermon is followed by a time of silence.

The Creed

We stand.

Let us declare 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.

We sit.

Prayers of Intercession

Mike de Villiers

The response to the prayers is:

Maranatha: (Come, Lord Jesus.)

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

And at the end:

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

We 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.

cf Luke 1.78,79

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

During the following hymn, offerings may be made through the offertory plates, via this QR code, or by the other means detailed in the inside front cover.



Offertory Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, Making your kingdom come.

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

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Preparation of the Table

Amen.

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer E

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 singing:

Choir

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Music: 'Communion Service in E', Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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 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 sit or kneel in silence.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray in our own language

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Agnus Dei

Choir

- 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, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Music: 'Communion Service in E', Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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.

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

Choir Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui:

Et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui:

Praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque laus et iubilatio,

Salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio:

Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Let us therefore, bowing low, venerate so great a Sacrament;

And let the old law give way to the new rite;

Let faith afford assistance to the deficiency of the senses.

To the Begetter and the Begotten let there be praise and jubilation,

Salvation and honour, and power and blessing;

And to the One proceeding from both let there be equal praise.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) Music: Déodat de Séverac (1872-1921)

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.

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.

¶ The Sending Out

Hymn

We stand.

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the Tree, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick ((1718-1755) Music: melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

Acclamation

With love and compassion, come, Lord Jesus.
With judgement and mercy, come, Lord Jesus.
In power and glory, come, Lord Jesus.
In wisdom and truth, come, Lord Jesus.

The Dismissal

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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 depart.

Organ Voluntary

Moto Ostinato (from Musica Dominicalis)

Petr Eben (1929-2007)

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BRADFORD CATHEDRAL DIARY

TODAY	8am	Holy Communion
3 rd December	10.30am	The Eucharist with Children's Space
	11.45am	Just a Minute
	6pm	Advent Procession

Advent is a time in which we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ, both as the baby who was born in Bethlehem, and as the one who will rule and reign over the whole created order at his second coming. This season offers us a time of quiet reflection and expectation. The greenery likewise anticipates the flowers that will burst forth around the building at Christmas, when we celebrate His first coming.

THIS WEEK Monday-Saturday	9am	Morning Prayer (also online)
	12noon	Midday Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer (also online)
Monday 4 th December	10.00am	Secondary School Visit
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
	7.30pm	International Bible Study (de Lacy Centre)
Tuesday 5 th December	10am & 12pm	School visits
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 6 th December	8.15am	Holy Communion (St Aidan's Chapel)
	10.15am	Holy Communion (St Aidan's Chapel)
	lpm	Organ Recital – Hannah Parry
Thursday 7 th	10am & 1pm	School visits
December	7pm	The Coming of Christmas
	7.30pm	Leeds Bell ringers
Friday 8 th December	10.00am	ESOL Adult Learners Tour of the Cathedral
	12.45pm	Primary School Visit
Saturday 9 th December	7pm	Black Dyke Band and Bradford Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert

NEXT SUNDAY 10 th December	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	The Eucharist and Children's Space
	11.45am	Just a Minute
	3pm	Royal Opera House - Songs for Ukraine Chorus

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY@ONE ORGAN RECITALS The next concert will be by Hannah Parry (Steinfurt & London) The recital, at 1pm, will be preceded by a buffet lunch (£4) at 12.30pm. Details: https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/organ-recitals

ADVENT PROCESSION Today at 6pm. We begin the holy season of Advent with an atmospheric and breath-taking candlelit service, as we await the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. The Cathedral Choir will process around the building, singing both centuries-old and contemporary music, as we start our journey towards Christmas.

BLACK DYKE BAND This concert is almost sold out, with only a handful of single seats left. If you would like to book, please visit: black-dyke band.eventbrite.co.uk or go to the Cathedral Office Mon - Fri 9am - I:45pm.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE Sunday 10th December at 3pm. Bradford Cathedral and The Royal Opera House present 'Songs for Ukraine Chorus' performing Christmas Songs as the beginning of the Royal Opera House's contribution to Bradford City of Culture 2025. To Book, please visit, https://ukraine-chorus.eventbrite.co.uk/ or go to the Cathedral Office, Mon - Fri 9am - I:45pm.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS The Advent and Christmas webpage is now live on our website, listing all the upcoming services, events and much more happening in December. You can find out more at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas. You can also pick up a flyer from our welcome desk or around the City.

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP We look forward to our final Monday Fellowship of the year, our Christmas Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, carols, poems, stories, anecdotes and conversation, at 2pm on Monday 11th December in the de Lacy Centre.

ALPHA COURSE runs on Tuesdays during the Spring Term, starting on 9th January. Alpha is an opportunity to gather with others and ask questions about the Christian faith. Please spread the word. If you are interested, please speak with either Revd Pete or Revd Duncan.

NOTICES

CHILDREN'S SPACE Please note that due to limitations we must ask that all children attending Children's Space are accompanied by a responsible adult.

JOIN US Whether you've been coming for some time or you are new with us today, if you would like to explore becoming part of our community then please complete a welcome card that are available at the back of the Cathedral.

GET INVOLVED We are looking for people to serve alongside us in several ministries across our community, including with our children and to operate the livestream during our 10.30am Sunday Service. Please speak to a member of the clergy team or to one of our stewards if you want to know more.

YORKSHIRE POST TOURISM AWARDS 2023 We are delighted to announce that we are a finalist for the second year running this time for the 'Culture Award'. We will find out on Monday 4th December if we are a winner. A full list of nominees can be found at https://www.nationalworldevents.com/ypta-2023/finalists/

VISIT BRADFORD PODCAST Bradford Cathedral features in the ninth episode, which looks at the theme of 'Stay and Explore the Bradford district'. Listen via https://www.visitbradford.com/inspire-me/podcasts or our website.

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL ORGAN TIMELAPSE: Over the Summer we recorded the progress of the organ works and you can now watch a special time lapse, including music played on the refurbished organ. Watch it via https://youtu.be/2KHqQ6I3UZA

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL E-CARD: For the first time this year, you can send a special Bradford Cathedral E-card to your friends and family - a more environmentally friendly way of sending a festive greeting. You can find out more at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/ecard or via our Advent and Christmas page.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY We are starting a trial bible study for people of different languages and cultures to help us learn from each other as we study God's Word. Monday 4th December at 7.30pm in de Lacy Centre.

JOHN PALEY who has been a member of our verger team for the past 14 years, will be leaving us in December. John will be greatly missed, having made a huge contribution to the life of the Cathedral during his time with us. He is retiring and moving to Bridlington with his family. I know that you will want to join us in thanking John for his service. He goes with our prayers and best wishes for the future.

SUDAN LINK CALENDAR 2024 Leeds Diocese is linked with the Episcopal Church in Sudan, through which we aim to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who feel marginalised and oppressed in their own country, yet maintain their faith in Christ with great courage. The 2024 Calendar is now available from the gift shop or via the office Mon - Friday 9am - 4pm.

OPENING TIMES UPDATE: On Monday 4th December the Cathedral will be closed from 12:15pm to 2:30pm.