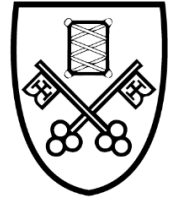




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



The Eucharist

Advent 2

Sunday, 10th December, 2023

10.30am

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral

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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 Revd Pete Gunstone, Minor Canon for Worship and Nurture.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Lavatories, including disabled facilities, are available towards the back of church.
- ❖ If you use a hearing aid, please turn it to the T position.
- ❖ 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

Trio super 'Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland'
a due bassi e canto firmo, BWV 660

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Notices

The Revd Canon Ned Lunn, Canon for Intercultural Mission and the Arts

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As the second candle is lit to remember the Prophets. We pray together:

**God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming
kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with
those around us
the good news of your power and love.
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.

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)
CP 24

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.

Informal words of introduction may be offered.

The Advent Prose



Drop down ye hea-vens from a - bove, and let the skies pour down right-eous- ness.

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.**

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

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

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 1 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.**

<i>Choir</i>	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
	Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

Music: 'The Mass of the Quiet Hour', George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

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.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Old Testament Reading

Maurice Doguwa

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40.1-11

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

Mark 1.1-8

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

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”,

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Mark 1.1-8

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

The organ is played in response to the gospel reading.

Sermon

The Revd Duncan Milwain, Assistant Curate

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

Mary Fisher

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

**Lord of lords and King eternal,
down the years in wondrous ways
you have blessed our land and guided,
leading us through darkest days.
For your rich and faithful mercies,
Lord, accept our thankful praise.**

**Speak to us and every nation,
bid our jarring discords cease;
to the starving and the homeless
bid us bring a full release;
and on all this earth's sore turmoil
breathe the healing of your peace.**

**Love that binds us all together
be upon the Church outpoured;
shame our pride and quell our factions,
smite them with your Spirit's sword;
till the world, our love beholding,
claims your power and calls you Lord.**

**Brace the wills of all your people
who in every land and race
know the secrets of your kingdom,
share the treasures of your grace;
till the summons of your Spirit
wakes new life in every place.**

**Saviour, by your mighty Passion
Once you turned sheer loss to gain,
Wresting in your risen glory
Victory from your cross and pain;
Now O Saviour, dead and risen,
In us triumph, live, and reign.**

*Words: Jack C Winslow (1882-1974)
Music: G. C. Martin (1844-1916)
CP 357*

Preparation of the Table

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.
Amen.

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, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

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

Music: 'The Mass of the Quiet Hour', George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

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: 'The Mass of the Quiet Hour', George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

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 Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine,
 Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
 Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
 Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
 O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
 who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
 whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
 May it be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.
 O gentle, O merciful, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.*

*Words: 13th century
Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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.

**Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.**

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
when he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

**God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human:**

**Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected:**

**Journey ends! Where afar
Beth'lem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!**

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!*

Words: F Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: Melody from Piæ Cantiones (1582), harmonised by editors of New English Hymnal (1986), CP 58

The Dismissal

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.

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

'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'
in organo pleno, il canto fermo nel pedale, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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BRADFORD CATHEDRAL DIARY

The Dean is leading and preaching at St John's, Great Horton today.

TODAY	8am	Holy Communion
10 th December	10.30am	The Eucharist with Children's Space
	11.45am	Just a Minute
	3pm	Songs for Ukraine
THIS WEEK	9am	Morning Prayer (also online)
Monday-Saturday	12noon	Midday Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer (online)
Monday 11 th	10.00am	Primary School Visit
	2pm	Monday Fellowship Christmas Fellowship
	7pm	Bradford Grammar School Carol Service
	7.30pm	International Bible Study (de Lacy Centre)
Tuesday 12 th	9.30am	Primary School Christingle Service
	12noon	Primary School Visit
	12noon	Stitchers, including Christmas Lunch
	6pm	Cathedral Choir Singing at BRI
Wednesday 13 th	8.15am	Holy Communion (St Aidan's Chapel)
	10.15am	Holy Communion (St Aidan's Chapel)
	12noon	Cathedral Choir Singing at the University
	1pm	Organ Recital – George Inscoe (Croydon)
Thursday 14 th	10am & 1pm	Primary School Visits
	6pm	Bradford District & Craven Health and Care Partnership - Christmas Carol Service
Saturday 16 th	2.30pm	Bell Ringing
Sunday 17 th	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	The Eucharist and Children's Space
	11.45am	Just a Minute
	4.30pm	Yorkshire Tyke Bell Ringing
	6pm	Nine Lessons & Carols

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY@ONE ORGAN RECITALS The next concert will be by George Inscoe (Croydon) The recital, at 1pm, will be preceded by a buffet lunch (£4) at 12.30pm. Details: <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/organ-recitals>

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

See the flyer or bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas for full details.

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.

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL WHAT'S ON: The new what's on booklet is available to pick up from the welcome desk or online at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on, and includes more details of services and events from January - April 2024, with tickets now available for many of these.

TREE OF LIFE: Join us for a magical night with Emma Johnson, clarinet/conductor, and the 13-piece The Orchestra For The Environment on Friday 7th June 2024. Tickets are available now at <https://tree-of-life-bradford.eventbrite.co.uk/> or from the Cathedral Office.

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.

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.

JOHN PALEY who has been a member of our vergers 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.

FAIRTRADE SHOPPING Still some Christmas shopping to do? Stocking fillers or bigger items like jumpers? If your choice has the Fairtrade logo, you can be sure the farmer earns enough to send children to school and, with the Fairtrade premium, can improve health facilities and adapt to climate change. You may be surprised how many supermarkets and shops now sell Fairtrade products.

SILVER ECO CHURCH AWARD We are pleased to announce that we have received the Silver Eco Church Award. This award was given by the Christian conservation charity A Rocha UK, and reflects our commitment to walk in step with nature and put creation care at the heart of what we do. You can find out more on the news page of our website.

ORGAN ADVENT CALENDAR Every day we are launching a new piece of organ music on our YouTube channel as part of our daily advent calendar. To see them, visit our channel or find them at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas

FLOWERS 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.

BORI'S FAMILY were able to share in the recent dedication of her memorial bench within the Cathedral Close via a video of this, and would like to thank the community for providing it and all who continue to think of and pray for them - it means a great deal.

LEGACY We were delighted to receive a legacy gift of £4,000 from the Estate of Mr Frank Buzzard this week. Mr Buzzard, who died last year, aged 95, spent 10 years of his life on a pilgrimage visiting all 42 Anglican cathedrals in England and left each one a bequest in his will. Bradford was the last cathedral he visited in 1997. If you would like to explore remembering the Cathedral in your will, please pick up one of our Make a Lasting Gift leaflets, or speak to a member of clergy. Please see our website for more on this.

CHANGES TO EVENING PRAYER For the rest of December, evening prayer at 5:30pm from Monday - Saturday will be online-only to accommodate the additional services and events being held during Advent and Christmas. Alongside online evening prayer, you can continue to join us in-person and online at 9am for morning prayer, and in-person for midday prayer. For more information please visit bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on.