

# The Cathedral Church of St Peter Bradford



# The Eucharist

with a Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Advent 4

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 organ is played by Anthony Gray, Sub-Organist and Assistant Director of Music.
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#### **Organ Voluntary**

Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### **Welcome and Notices**

The Revd Canon Philip Gray

## 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.

Silence is kept.

¶ The Preparation

# **Processional Hymn**

We stand as the clergy enter.

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: 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:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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:

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:

Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr. J M Neale (1818-1866) Music: melody 'adapted from a French Missal' by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

## **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.

# **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.

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.

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.

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

#### The Old Testament Reading

Susan Ibnouzaki

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 61 have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' 8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, "from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

# The Gospel Acclamation

We stand.

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.** 

#### The Gospel Reading

The Revd Nathaniel Osunwa

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

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was loseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him lesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' 34 Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 35The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

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 Canon Myra Shackley, Cathedral Chaplain

Following an opening prayer, we sit.

The sermon is followed by a time of silence.

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

We stand.

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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cf Ephesians 3

We sit.

# ¶ Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

#### Introduction

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman

The child, their parents and supporters are introduced, and the minister says:

We are here today to give thanks for this child, with their family and friends, and to support their parents in their responsibilities with prayer and love. God became one of us in Jesus, and understands all that surrounds the arrival and upbringing of children. It is God's purpose that children should know love within the stability of their home, grow in faith, and come at last to the eternal city where his love reigns supreme.

Loving God, you hold all things in life and call us into your kingdom of peace; help us to walk the path of your truth and fill our lives with gratitude and faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### Thanksgiving and Blessing

The minister says to the parents and their supporters:

Do you receive these children as a gift from God? **We do.** 

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing? We do.

Let us pray.

#### Silence is kept.

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love.

We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life.

We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, who has opened to us the way of love.

We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The minister says to the parents and supporters:

What name have you given this child? Her name is Tiaraoluwa (Tiara) Olivia Soetan.

The minister takes the child in their arms and says:

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on Tiara.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for her birth; surround her with your blessing that she may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all her days.

May she learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength and, in due time, come through faith and baptism to the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister prays for the parents:

May God the Father of all bless these parents and give them grace to love and care for Tiara. May God give them wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for the children's needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

# Giving of the Gospel

A copy of a Gospel is presented, with these words:

Receive this book. It is the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide.

The minister addresses the supporting friends and says:

Will you do all that you can to help and support Oluwaseun & Christianah in the bringing up of Tiara? With the help of God, we will.

The minister addresses the congregation and says:

Will you do all that you can to help and support this family? With the help of God, we will.

# **Prayer**

The congregation prays with the parents:

God our creator,
we thank you for the gift of Tiara,
entrusted to our care.
May we be patient and understanding,
ready to guide and to forgive,
so that through our love
they may come to know your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

# **Prayers of Intercession**

Jane Thompson

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**

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), based on Luke 1.46-55

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

#### **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.

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:

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.

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**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

#### **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 Song**

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; 'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

'For known a blessèd Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold; most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, 'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said, 'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name': most highly favoured lady.

Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say 'Most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

Words: Basque Carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) Music: Basque traditional carol, arr. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

Silence is kept.

# **Prayer 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.

# ¶ The Sending Out

#### **Hymn**

We stand.

Sing we of the blessèd Mother who received the angel's word, and obedient to his summons bore in love the infant Lord; sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast that child was fed who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through, when beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suffering knew, looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning high on Calvary's tree, saw the price of man's redemption paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with
Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of
God's own being,
manifest through
wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done, and the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home:

Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd, raised on high and crowned with grace, may your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

Words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997) Music: James Langran (1835-1909)

#### 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**

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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TODAY	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 24th The Fourth Sunday in Advent	10.30am	Choir singing at Life Church
	10.30am	The Eucharist with Children's Space
	11.45am	Just a Minute
Christmas Eve	3pm	Messy Crib
	Hpm	Midnight Eucharist with Bishop Nick Baines
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Christmas Day	10.30am	Christmas Day Eucharist with Bishop Toby
THIS WEEK	9am	Morning Prayer (online only)
Tuesday-Saturday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer (online only)
Sunday 31st	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Christmas I	10.30am	The Eucharist

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**ALPHA COURSE** runs on Tuesdays during the Spring Term, starting on 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

#### **NOTICES**

**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.

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Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

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Sign up: alpha@bradfordcathedral.org

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