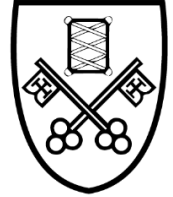




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



The Eucharist

Christmas Day

Sunday, 25th December 2024

10.30am

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral

The seat of the Bishop of Leeds and a Centre of Worship and Mission

One of three Cathedrals – Bradford, Ripon & Wakefield – in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral, particularly if you are visiting or are 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 to sit or stand as directed as you are able.

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 or online via this QR code that will direct you to <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/get-involved/donate/> where you can either make a one-off donation or set up regular giving.



Communion. Those who are confirmed or are baptised and in the habit of receiving Holy Communion are welcome to do so. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing – please indicate this by keeping your hands down. 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. Please follow the directions of the Stewards when the time comes. 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. If you would like to explore baptism, confirmation, or communion before confirmation, please speak to a member of the Clergy after the service.

Bradford Cathedral Choir is directed by Graham Thorpe, Organist and Director of Music. The organ is played by Ed Jones.

Please either switch off or silence your phone and do not take pictures or videos during the service – this is not permitted for safeguarding reasons. 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. If you have any concerns, please speak to a Churchwarden or member of the Clergy.

Weaving Jesus into the rich fabric of the city and beyond

✚ Bradford Cathedral, 1 Stott Hill, Bradford, BD1 4EH

☎ 01274 77 77 20 ✉ info@bradfordcathedral.org 🌐 bradfordcathedral.org.uk

📘 📺 📷 📺 📺 @BfdCathedral 🔍 Bradford Cathedral 🗣️ #BradfordCathedral

Organ Voluntary

Sonata No. 3 in A Major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Welcome & Notices

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

¶ The Preparation

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The central candle of the Advent Wreath is lit in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

We stand.

Dean People of God: shout and sing!
Tell the good news of peace on earth.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.

All God's people say:
Amen!

Angels dance
and the bright star shines.
All creation bows to the Lord of all.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.

All God's people say:
Amen!

One with us,
yet born to save,
he will show us the way to God.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.

All God's people say:
Amen!

People of God: shout and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.

Processional Carol

Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn,
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
rise to adore the mystery of love,
which hosts of angels chanted from above:
with them the joyful tidings first begun
of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
to you and all the nations upon earth:
this day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'

He spake; and straightway the celestial choir
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
the praises of redeeming love they sang,
and heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang:
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
peace upon earth, and unto men good will.

To Bethl'em straight the enlightened shepherds ran,
to see the wonder God had wrought for man,
and found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,
her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
then to their flocks, still praising God, return,
and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
trace we the babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
from his poor manger to his bitter cross;
tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,
to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song:
he that was born upon this joyful day
around us all his glory shall display;
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

Words: John Byrom (1692-1763)

Music: 'Yorkshire (Stockport)', John Wainwright (1723-1768)

CP 48

The Greeting

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Bishop 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.

The bishop introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Malachi 4.2

Silence is kept.

Deacon Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Bishop May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Choir Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus
tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Music: 'Missa Brevis', Jonathan Dove (b.1959)

The Collect

President Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We sit.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

June Kelley

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2.11-14

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

Silence is kept.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

John 1.14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Revd Duncan Milwain, Assistant Curate

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

Luke 2.1-14

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

We remain standing as the organ plays a fanfare in response to the gospel.

Sermon

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

After the opening prayer, please be seated.

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

Motet

Choir Born in a stable so bare,
born so long ago;
born 'neath light of star
he who loved us so.

*Far away silent he lay,
born today, your homage pay,
for Christ is born for aye,
born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair,
tender her lullaby;
over her son so dear
angel hosts fill the sky.

Wise men from distant far land,
shepherds from starry hills
worship this babe so rare,
hearts with his warmth he fills.

Love in that stable was born
into our hearts to flow;
innocent dreaming babe,
make me thy love to know.

Words & Music: 'Nativity Carol, John Rutter (b 1945)

The Creed

We stand.

Bishop 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

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

Jesus, whose mother was Mary:
we pray for ... [*families*].
Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, cradled in a manger:
we pray for ... [*the homeless, refugees*].
Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals:
we pray for ... [*the creation*].
Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings:
we pray for ... [*nations, races, peoples*].
Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, our Emmanuel:
we pray for ... [*those in particular need*].
Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

Please stand.

President Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Carol

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.



**See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on Earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.**

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

**Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits among the cherubim.**

**Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?**

**"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing 'Peace On Earth'
Told us of the Saviour's birth."**

**Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.**

**Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility.**

*Words: E. Caswell (1814-1878)
Music: John Goss (1800-80) arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)
100 CFC 70*

Preparation of the Table

Bishop Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer B

Bishop 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Choir Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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: 'Missa Brevis', Jonathan Dove (b.1959)

Bishop Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Bishop And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We kneel or sit in silence.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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

President We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

Choir Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. (x2)
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (x2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: 'Missa Brevis', Jonathan Dove (b.1959)

Giving of Communion

President 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.

Organ Meditation

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 606

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Communion Motet

Choir One of these nights about twelve o' clock
The old world's goin' to reel and rock,
The sinner's goin' to tremble and cry for pain
And the Lord will come in his aeroplane.

O ye thirsty of ev'ry tribe
Get your ticket for an aeroplane ride,
Jesus our Savior is a-coming to reign
And take you up to glory in his aeroplane.

Talk about your joy-rides in automobiles,
Talk about your fast time on motor wheels,
We'll break all records as we upward fly
For an aeroplane joy-ride through the sky.

You will have to get ready if you take this ride,
Quit all your sins and humble your pride,
You must furnish a lamp both bright and clean
And a vessel of oil to run the machine.

When our journey is over and we'll all sit down
At the marriage supper with a robe and a crown;

We'll blend our voices with the heav'nly throng
And praise our Savior as the years roll on.

*Words: 'The Heavenly Aeroplane', Anon., American, c. 1935
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Congregational Carol

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.**

*Words: William J. Kirkpatrick (1828-1921)
Music: David Willcocks (1919-2015)
100 CFC*

Prayer after Communion

President God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Congregational Carol

We stand.

**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:**

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:**

*Words: J. F. Wade (c. 1711-1786) arranged by D. V. Willcocks (1919-2015)
Music: Tr. F. Oakeley (1802-1880), W. T. Brooke (1848-1917)
100 CFC 54*

Blessing

Bishop May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.

We remain standing as the choir and clergy exit.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata-Prelude: Vom Himmel Hoch

Garth Edmundson (1892-1971)

Material in this Order of Service is taken from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, copyright © The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000 and *Common Worship: Times & Seasons*, copyright © The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2006. Scripture readings are taken from the *New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised Edition)* of the Bible, copyright © 1989, 1994 The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Copyright hymns and songs are reproduced under the Christian Copyright Licensing scheme: licence number 3887. This compilation is copyright © 2024 The Chapter of Bradford.

Try Alpha

Curious about faith?

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

Stay Curious Try Alpha



de Lacy Centre
Wednesdays at 7:30pm
29th January - 26th March

Interested?
Email alpha@bradfordcathedral.org

