



EGLWYS GADEIRIOL LLANDAF

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

according to the Book of Common Prayer 1984

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

8.00am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

# CROESO | WELCOME

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We are a Christian community, followers of Jesus.  
We are an inclusive community, whatever your faith, or none, you are very welcome.  
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Everything you need to follow the service is in this booklet.  
Please join in with the text printed in **Bold**.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Please stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral.*

*Priest* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The fourth candle of the Advent Wreath is lit.*

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Priest* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest* God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, Father, and thee, Holy Spirit, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Reader* A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 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.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I 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?' Now therefore 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; 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. And 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, David, that the Lord will make you a house. 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.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Resp.* **My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant,  
from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name. **R**

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit. **R**

He has casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
and the rich he has sent away empty. **R**

He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.  
The promise he made to our forebears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever. **R**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever!  
Amen.

*Romans 16.25-27*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## THE GOSPEL

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

*All* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The 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. 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. For nothing will be impossible with God.' 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*

*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*All* I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of Very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made:  
who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I 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 together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

*Please sit or kneel.*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

*Priest* Let us pray for the whole Church of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, that all who confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Mary our Bishop, that they may by their life and doctrine proclaim thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

To all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present; that they may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, in thy mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, to direct with thy heavenly wisdom those who rule over the nations of the world, that thy people may be faithfully and justly governed; bless thy servant Charles our King and all who exercise authority under him.

Lord, in thy mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Of thy goodness, O Lord, help and comfort all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, granting them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, in thy mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant us with them everlasting light and peace.

Lord, in thy mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Finally, we bless thy holy Name for the grace and virtue declared in all thy Saints. Grant that we, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, may at thy Son's appearing be set with them on his right hand and be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*All* **Hear us, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**



*Please stand.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
*All* **And with your spirit.**

### THE OFFERTORY

*All* All things come of thee;  
**And of thine own do we give thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All* The Lord be with you;  
**And with your spirit.**

*All* Lift up your hearts;  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Because thou hast given salvation to mankind through the coming of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and by him thou wilt make all things new when he returns in glory to judge the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying:

*All* **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 who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Priest* All glory, praise and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God our heavenly Father, creator and sustainer of all things, maker of man in thine own image, who gavest thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. There he made the one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death until his coming again.

Therefore we beseech thee, O merciful Father, to sanctify with thy Holy Spirit these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, may be partakers of his most precious Body and Blood:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread and when he had given 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.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this,  
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:  
Do this. as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, making the memorial of the blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, of thy dearly beloved Son as he hath commanded us, rejoicing in his gift of the Holy Spirit, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory, we thy servants, with all thy holy people, do set forth before thy Divine Majesty this Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation.

And we beseech thee to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to grant to us and thy whole Church remission of our sins and all other benefits of his Passion. And we pray that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and be numbered in the glorious company of thy saints.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, in whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, throughout all ages, world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Priest breaks the Bread, saying:*

*Priest* The Bread which we break;

*All* **Is it not the communion of the Body of Christ?**

We who are many are one Bread, one Body

*All* **For we are all partakers of the one Bread.**

*Then may be said:*

*All* **We do not presume to come to this table,  
O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much  
as to gather up the crumbs under thy table,  
but thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

*Then may be said:*

*All* **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.**

*Priest* As our Saviour Jesus Christ has taught we are bold to say:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

Draw near and receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ given for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Priest and People receive Holy Communion.  
The sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.      **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.      **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious;

*All* **For his mercy endureth for ever.**

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory.

*All* **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* The Lord be with you:

*All* **And with your spirit.**

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine on you and scatter the darkness from before you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace;

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the Procession leaves.*

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# WEEKLY NEWS

**7.30am Morning Prayer** – Due to the reduced clergy team at present, we will not be holding Morning Prayer at 7.30am on Sundays for the time being.

**BBC Radio Broadcasts** – BBC Radio Wales will broadcast from the Cathedral over the Christmas period. This morning at 7.32am was a service marking the Fourth Sunday of Advent, while at 7.00am on Christmas Day you can hear a Christmas Day Celebration from Llandaff. If you are unable to listen live then you can listen again on the BBC website.

This is in addition to the live broadcast of Midnight Mass, taking place at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. Due to this live recording, please be seated by 11.15pm.

**Asking for a blessing instead of receiving the bread and wine?** If you have been baptised/christened in any church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Cathedral.

If you are not baptised and/or confirmed, do get in touch if you are interested in thinking about this. You might like to try our course 'Explore the Faith' which is suitable for those enquiring about the faith, as a refresher, or as a preparation for confirmation. Contact Canon Jan to find out more.

**Comings & Goings** – Archdeacon Mike Komor retires from ministry in the Diocese on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024. At Choral Evensong at 4.00pm on that day, the diocese will formally say farewell to Archdeacon Mike. Canon Mark will effectively finish working at the Cathedral on Christmas Day but we will formally say farewell to him at the morning services on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Father Mark will begin work as Archdeacon on the 8<sup>th</sup> January with a formal inauguration of his new ministry in the Diocese later in the new year.

Father Ian Yemm will be licensed and installed as the new Canon Precentor at Choral Evensong on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.00 pm [*please note the special start time*].

**Friends Guided Tour** – The Friends will be giving a guided tour at 2pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January. Meet Brian Robinson inside the West Door at 2pm for a tour lasting around an hour. Bring any visitors or come on your own and enjoy an entertaining, peaceful stroll around, seeing things you may have missed before.

*Linda Quinn, Chair, Friends of Llandaff Cathedral*

**Advent Appeal 2023** – Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the appeal for Macmillan Cancer Support. We have raised the magnificent sum of £1,333 – a really amazing total. We know that one or two donations are still to come: the Appeal closes today, so please make sure that any outstanding donations reach us by the end of the 10.00am service. Thank you again for making this such a successful appeal.

**Majestas Kids Choir** – Our new choir for children 7 – 11 rehearses at 10am every Saturday during term time in the Cathedral. If you'd like more information, or would like to sign your child(ren) up to join, please contact our Animateur Rachel Kilby at [rachelkilby@llandaffcathedral.org.uk](mailto:rachelkilby@llandaffcathedral.org.uk)

# THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

## Those who are currently sick and have asked for prayer:

Angela Jones, Patricia Parker, Alys Scourfield, Jacqueline Jones, Huw James, Heulwen Wyatt, Charles Lewis, Alison Lewis, Bryn Lewis, Paul Durrant, Danielle Camilleri, Carolyn Jenkins

## Those for whom we wish to pray, including those who are housebound and those whose need for prayer is long-term, among them:

Jane Craig, David Barron, Lisa Wright, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Ray Edwards, Marjorie Mudge, Bettie Williams, Fr John Webber

## Those who have died recently:

### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Helen Watson, Wilfred James Evans, Muriel Elizabeth Roderick, Lucy Fenwick, Sheila Rita Evans
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Jean Molyneux Kenyon, Winifred Owen
<b>26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Garth Victor Lloyd, Peter Clive Child, Pauline Elizabeth Phillips
<b>27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Catherine John, Robert Hodges, Margaret Hallett
<b>28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Grace Pearl Jones
<b>29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Richard Frederick Bennett, Helen Morris, David George Lambert, Brian I. Rees
<b>30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Charles Howell David, John Leigh James

## The Cycle of Prayer for this week in the Anglican Communion, this Diocese and in the Cathedral Community:

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Episcopal Church in the Philippines Cwmbach: <i>to be appointed</i> St Teilo's Guild
<b>Monday:</b>	The Diocese of Birmingham (Canterbury) Mountain Ash & Misikin: The Rev'd Canon Michael Jones Christian Aid Team
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Diocese of Blackburn (York) Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown & Ynysboeth: The Rev'd Stuart Ghezzi 'Grace' homeless café at St John's
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Diocese of Bo (West Africa) Department for Youth Charities we support, inc: Christian Aid, Embrace the Middle East, 1familycardiff
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Diocese of Boga (The Congo) Rhondda Ministry Area: The Rev'd Philip Leyshon Llandaff Cathedral Choral Society
<b>Friday:</b>	The Diocese of Bolivia (South America) Tonypany w Clydach Vale & Williamstown: The Rev'd Canon Sarah Rogers Cathedral Kids toddler group
<b>Saturday:</b>	The Diocese of Bondo (Kenya) Pen Rhondda Fawr: The Rev'd Philip Leyshon Llandaff Cathedral Festival

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Holy Eucharist  
9.00am Holy Eucharist  
11.00am Choral Eucharist

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holy Eucharist  
*The Cathedral closes at 4pm*

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holy Eucharist  
*The Cathedral closes at 4pm*

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid  
*The Cathedral closes at 4pm*

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December

No services today  
*The Cathedral is open from 9.30am to 4pm*

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December

No services today  
*The Cathedral is open from 9.30am to 4pm*

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

8.00am Holy Eucharist  
10.00am Holy Eucharist with Hymns  
*The Cathedral closes at 4pm*



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