



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist

with blessing of Christingles



Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

11.00am

Quire

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Eucharist

The Choral Setting is  
William Byrd (c.1540-1623), Mass for four voices

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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in man made manifest.

<sup>2</sup>Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine:  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in man made manifest.

<sup>3</sup>Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in man made manifest.

<sup>4</sup>Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Tune: ST EDMUND

AM 104

*The President says*

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.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Deacon introduces*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

*Remain standing*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The President says*

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.**

*Remain standing as the choir sings*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

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 coelestis, Deus pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu 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, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### New Testament Reading

*1 Corinthians 1.18-31*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 36.5-10*

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens :  
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains :  
thy judgements are like the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast;  
How excellent is thy mercy, O God :  
and the children of men shall put their trust  
under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house :  
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life :  
and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee :  
and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

*Stand as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond*



Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world. **Alleluia.**

## **The Gospel**      *John 2.1-11*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a Gospel fanfare*

*Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit*

**Sermon** The Reverend Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner

*After the Sermon, a few moments of silence are kept as we reflect on what we have heard and then the choir sings*

## **The Motet**

Ave, verum corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine,  
cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit et sanguine,  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie,  
O Jesu, fili Mariae,  
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true Body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
who having truly suffered,  
was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,  
whose pierced side  
flowed with water and blood,  
may it be for us a foretaste  
in the trial of death.  
O sweet one, O holy one,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.*

*Words:* 13<sup>th</sup> Century Eucharistic Hymn

*Music:* William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

*Following the Motet please stand to say*

**The Affirmation of Faith** *from the Athanasian Creed*

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;  
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

**fully God and fully human;  
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.

**Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God;  
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us;  
we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

*Please sit or kneel when the President says 'Let us pray'*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*One of these responses is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*Stand*

*The President says*

Christ is our peace.  
If anyone is in Christ,  
there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away:  
behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another*

*Remain standing to sing*

**The Offertory Hymn** during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. If you would prefer to give electronically, please use the QR code



*When the Thurifer turns to bow to the congregation, all turn to the altar*



Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

<sup>2</sup>King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture -  
in the body and the blood -  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

<sup>3</sup>Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

<sup>4</sup>At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!

Words: Liturgy of St James  
versified Gerard Moultrie (1829-85)

Tune: PICARDY

AM 452

*The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts*

Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

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:

*The choir sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit In nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*The Deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The President says*

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say,  
each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

<b>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.</b>	<i>Notre Père...</i>
<b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>	<i>Vater Unser...</i>
<b>Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.</b>	<i>Onze Vader...</i>
<b>Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.</b>	<i>Padre Nuestro...</i>
<b>For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.</b>	<i>Ojcze Nasz...</i>
	<i>Baba Yetu...</i>
	<i>E to matou Matua...</i>
	<i>Ein Tad...</i>
	<i>Πάτερ ήμων</i>

*Remain standing for*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The President says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Sit as the President and other ministers begin*

## **The Distribution of Communion**

*Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own church are encouraged to receive today. If you are accompanied by children who do not yet receive, please bring them with you to receive a blessing. They should not be left on their own.*

*If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host**.*

*We request that **you do not instinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.*

*If you wish to receive communion without climbing the steps to the High Altar, please join the line for the station in the North-East Transept.*

*We keep a **prayerful silence** during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.*

*During Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

## **Blessing of Christingles**

*The Cross and Lights lead the clergy to the Lectern, with the President bringing a light from the High Altar*

*The congregation stands as the children assemble near the Lectern and the President welcomes them*

*The children have their Christingles lit, and the President leads the Christingle Prayers*

Lord Jesus,  
Hope for the world,  
We hold these Christingle as a sign of your hope.  
**May we share your light in the darkness.**

The candle, planted deep within the world,  
as a sign that you made your home among us,  
and lived with the poor and neglected.

**May we share your light in the darkness.**

The ribbon, wrapped around the earth,  
a sign of your love shown on the cross,  
enfolding the whole world with your saving love.

**May we share your light in the darkness.**

The fruits and sweets,  
signs of all the good things you have made,  
given to us that we might share them fairly  
so everyone can have enough.

**May we share your light in the darkness.**

## The Dismissal



The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

<sup>2</sup>Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

<sup>3</sup>Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distrest,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

<sup>4</sup>'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

<sup>5</sup>Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel Stone (1839-1900)

Tune: AURELIA

AM 506

*Remain standing*

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

## **Organ Voluntary**

**Tea and coffee will be served in the Clagett Auditorium following this morning's Eucharist. All are very welcome.**

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7.30am	Morning Prayer	Monday-Friday
8.00am	Holy Communion	Daily
9.15am	Morning Prayer	Saturday & Sunday
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Sunday
12.30pm	Holy Communion	Wednesday
12.30pm	Taizé Prayer (In Choir Term)	Monday
5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Daily (said with silence Thursdays)

### **Special Service this week**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Candlemas  
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**5.30pm – Sung Eucharist and Procession – Quire**

# **Safeguarding : Do you need to talk?**

**Are you concerned about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult?**

**Or is there something that you would like to discuss that affects you?**

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