



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Choral Evensong

with the Installation of Natasha Traynor
as Non-Executive Member of Chapter
and Charles Maggs
as Head Virger



The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 18th January 2026

5.30pm

Quire

Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

Canterbury Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the cathedral church of the Diocese of Canterbury, the mother church of the Anglican Communion, and a place of pilgrimage welcoming visitors from across the world.

For over fourteen hundred years God has been worshipped here. With its roots in the Benedictine tradition, the ongoing daily pattern of morning and evening prayer and Eucharist (or Holy Communion) continues the prayers and praises of countless generations in this Cathedral. We welcome you today to share in this continuing rhythm of worship in this service of Choral Evensong during which Natasha Traynor will be installed as a Non-Executive Member of Chapter and Charles Maggs will be installed as Head Virger.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the choir and clergy enter the Quire

*The Cantor and choir sing the **Preces***

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

Sit as the choir sings

Psalm 96

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name :
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen :
and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised :
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols :
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him :
power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people :
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name :
bring presents, and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness :
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King :
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be
moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad :
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it :
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth :
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2.1-3.4

The voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them.

Stand to sing



Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

²Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Tune: LUCKINGTON

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During the singing of the hymn, the Archdeacon of Canterbury and an existing Non-Executive Member of Chapter move to the High Altar. The new Non-Executive Member of Chapter moves in front of the High Altar as the congregation sits

The Induction

The Non-Executive Member of Chapter is presented to the Archdeacon by the existing Non-Executive Member of Chapter, who says

Mr Archdeacon, I present to you Natasha Traynor to be inducted as a Non-Executive Member of the Chapter of this Cathedral and Metropolitical Church

The Archdeacon welcomes the new Non-Executive Member of Chapter who then kneels before the Archdeacon

The Archdeacon reads a licence and then hands the candidate her licence saying

Receive this share in Christ's ministry which is both yours and mine,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

and the new Non-Executive Member of Chapter responds 'Amen.'

The Archdeacon blesses the Non-Executive Member of Chapter, saying

God give you the spirit of holy discipline, of faithfulness, and of love for all his people; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Non-Executive Member of Chapter stands and the Archdeacon of Canterbury and existing Non-Executive Member of Chapter escort her to the Dean at the west end of the Quire as the choir sings

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is :
brethren, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
that ran down unto the beard :
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon :
which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised his blessing :
and life for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Installation

The Dean leaves his stall as the members of the Foundation stand

The existing Non-Executive Member of Chapter says

Mr Dean and members of the Cathedral Foundation and congregation, I present to you Natasha Traynor to be installed as a Non-Executive Member of Chapter of this Cathedral and Metropolitical Church.

The Dean says

We welcome you as a member of the Cathedral Foundation and pray that we may assist your growth in Christ as you enrich our fellowship together.

The congregation responds

We welcome you.

The Dean then says

Will you uphold the customs and statutes of this Cathedral and Metropolitical Church?

The Non-Executive Member of Chapter responds

I will.

The Dean leads the Non-Executive Member of Chapter by the hand to a stall in the Quire and says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I install you as a Non-Executive Member of Chapter of this Cathedral and Metropolitical Church.

The Dean then blesses the Non-Executive Member of Chapter, saying

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.

Installation of the Head Virger

The Precentor comes from her stall and says

Mr Dean and members of the Cathedral Foundation and congregation, I present to you Charles Maggs to be admitted as Head Virger of this Cathedral and Metropolitical Church.

The Dean says

I admit you as Head Virger of this Cathedral and Metropolitical Church. We welcome you and pray that we may assist your growth in Christ as you enrich our fellowship together.

The congregation responds

We welcome you.

The Dean hands the Head Virger his virge and says

God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for your faithful people that each in their vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love: and give to your servant Charles, now admitted as Head Virger of this Cathedral and Metropolitical Church, the needful gifts of grace, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Dean returns to the centre of the Quire and all join in the saying of the Foundation Prayer

Eternal God, you have brought us together into a noble company. We pray for one another and for the holy Church of Canterbury; that in this house of our most blessed Saviour dignity of worship, preaching the faith and holiness of life may for ever abound and thence be spread through all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand as the choir sings the Magnificat, during which the clergy return to their stalls

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), Short Service

Sit

New Testament Reading

Galatians 1.11-24

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me.

Stand as the choir sings

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), Short Service

Turn East and say together the

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholick Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Cantor and choir sing the Versicles and Responses

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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. Amen.*

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Music: Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

The Collects

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the
days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do
proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that
both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by
thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in
rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen*

Sit as the choir sings

Anthem See, see the word is incarnate

See, see, the word is incarnate; God is made man in the womb of a Virgin. Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore, and angels sing: Glory be to God on high: peace on earth, good will towards men.

The Law is cancelled, Jews and Gentiles all converted by the preaching of glad tidings of salvation. The blind have sight and cripples have their motion; diseases cured, the dead are raised, and miracles are wrought.

Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna.

The Paschal Lamb is offered, Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin. The earth quakes, the sun is darkened, the powers of hell are shaken; and lo, he is risen up in victory. Sing Alleluia.

See, O see the fresh wounds, the goring blood, the pricks of thorns, the print of nails; and in the sight of multitudes a glorious ascension.

Where now he sits on God's right hand, where all the choir of heaven all jointly sing: Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne. Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna: Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord; with Alleluia, we triumph in victory, the serpent's head bruised, Christ's kingdom exalted, and heaven laid open to sinners. Amen.

Words: Godfrey Goodman (1582/3-1656)

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Sit or kneel

Prayers *led by the Precentor, concluding with*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Stand to sing the hymn during which a collection for the work of God in the Cathedral will be taken. Please be as generous as you can. You may also use the QR code





Of the Father's heart begotten,
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that Fountain
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
evermore and evermore.

²By his word was all created;
he commanded and 'twas done;
earth and sky and boundless ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore.

³He assumed this mortal body,
frail and feeble, doomed to die,
that the race from dust created
might not perish utterly,
which the dreadful Law had sentenced
in the depths of hell to lie,
evermore and evermore.

Words: Latin, Prudentius (348-413)
Tr R F Davis (1866-1937)

⁴O how blest that wondrous birthday,
when the Maid the curse retrieved,
brought to birth mankind's salvation,
by the Holy Ghost conceived;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
in her loving arms received.
evermore and evermore.

⁵This is he, whom seer and sibyl
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealèd
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
evermore and evermore.

⁶Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.

Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM AM 80

Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the Quire

Organ Voluntary