



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Choral Eucharist

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021
11.15AM

WELCOME

Welcome to worship in the Cathedral in this continuing Covid-19 era. Please read the protocols below which are part of a much larger policy document put in place by the Select Vestry in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. These have been designed in line with central church and current government guidelines and regulations and for the protection of all who come to the Cathedral.

Times for Services and Visitors.

There will be two Sunday services until further notice, the 11.15am Choral Eucharist and 3.30pm Choral Evensong - with congregation (120 max) (both also live-streamed).

The 12 noon daily Eucharist (Mon-Sat) will continue in the Deans' Chapel. Friday Choral Evensong at 6.15pm resumes on Friday 5th November. Resumption of the 8am said Eucharist and 10am Morning Daily Morning Prayer remain under review.

The Cathedral remains open for tourism and private prayer Monday - Saturday 10.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.30 (last admission for tourists 30 minutes before closing times)

Entering the Cathedral

Please do not come to the Cathedral if you have any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19 or fall into the high-risk category and have not been fully vaccinated.

Entrance is by the west door only. Please keep 2 metres apart when entering **and for the duration of your time in the Cathedral**. This is especially important when using the west door - we must avoid bottlenecks.

Upon entry, everyone must sanitise their hands using the dispenser beside the noticeboard inside the door. All worshippers must wear a face mask (face shields are not sufficient). Children of primary school age do not have to wear a mask.

Please take a service booklet upon entering. Books will not be used. Please do not bring your own books to services. Please fill in one name per household and a phone number on the contact tracing form printed on this service booklet. This information will be retained for 15 days after each service and then destroyed.

You are asked to fill the seats marked 'Sit here' **from the front of the Nave, working backwards**. Please follow the churchwardens' directions. Go to your seat **and do not engage with others on the way**. Those who live in the same household may sit together in the same pew.

During Services

Congregational singing remains prohibited until further notice. Music at the 11.15am and 3.30pm Sunday services will be provided by the Lay Vicars Choral and Junior Lay Vicars, with the Choristers returning to sing at Friday and Sunday Choral Evensong from 5th November (see page 12).

There will be no physical exchange of the Sign of Peace. There will be no collections during services. Baskets will be at the back to receive your offerings on the way in or out. You are encouraged to consider signing up to the Standing Order scheme to avoid using cash.

Holy Communion will be distributed, bread only, at the Crossing. Clergy will sanitise their hands and wear a mask for distribution. Each communicant will be provided with hand sanitiser on the way up to receive and you are asked to ensure 2 metres distancing between each other as you come up and return to your seat.

Please observe proper coughing and sneezing etiquette when in the Cathedral. Tissues and bins are being provided but you are encouraged to bring your own and take them home after use. The Upper Vestry toilet should only be used if absolutely necessary and if used, hands should be sanitised on entry and exit using the sanitiser on the wall outside the toilet door.

Leaving the Cathedral

Please stay in your seat until the organ voluntary is over and the churchwardens direct you to leave. The Cathedral will be emptied from the back, working to the front. Please leave your seat as directed and go directly out the main West Door, leaving your service booklet in the basket provided. Please do not leave anything in the Cathedral (papers, tissues etc.).

Try not to congregate for too long in the Cathedral forecourt after the service and continue to observe 2 metre social distancing.

There will be no tea or coffee after services until further notice.

A similar system is in place for the weekday services. Please follow the directions of staff and clergy if attending.

Thank you for your cooperation. Let's keep one another as safe as possible until restrictions are lifted. Further clarity is being sought about social distancing and attendance limits but may not change until February 2022 - the updating of HSE documents are due shortly.

***This form must be filled out before leaving the Cathedral
and this service sheet then placed in the basket at the West Door***

CONTACT TRACING FORM

Please fill in one name and contact number for your household.
This information will be retained by the Cathedral for 15 days after this service.

Name:

Telephone No:

MUSICAL SETTING

Spaur Messe – W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

LIVE-STREAMING

This service is being live-streamed and recorded via
www.churchservices.tv and YouTube.

The camera is at the back of the Cathedral
and covers the Nave, Crossing, Choir Stalls and High Altar.

It does not cover the North and South Aisles, Dean's Chapel and Ambulatory.

If you do not wish to appear on camera please consult the churchwardens/stewards
and they will guide you to a seat out of shot.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please ensure that all cellphones are switched off.

Photography of any kind is not permitted during the Service.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Cathedral is fitted with a Deaf Loop System
Those who have digital hearing aids should set them to "T".

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The service is introduced.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

TRADITIONALLY SYMBOLISING THE PROPHETS

The Choir sings:

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

PENITENCE

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 1 Corinthians 4: 5

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The choir sings the **KYRIES**

The Absolution is pronounced.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *is said*

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
Give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE READING

Malachi 3: 1-4

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi, chapter three beginning at verse four.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Canticle BENEDICTUS is sung

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Stand for
THE GOSPEL
Luke 3: 1-6

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Luke,
chapter three, beginning at verse six.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler* of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler* of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler* of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON
Rev. Ted Ardis - *Dean's Vicar*

Stand for
THE NICENE CREED

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.**

Kneel or sit for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following response is used at the end of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father,

accept these our prayers

for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Stand for

THE PEACE

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE
Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
because when your Son Jesus Christ humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way of salvation.
So now we watch for the day,
knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

*The **SANCTUS** and **BENEDICTUS** are sung.*

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin;
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you,
for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
Our Father who art in heaven ...

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ
We, being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.

*The **AGNUS DEI** is sung.*

THE COMMUNION

Communicants are invited to receive (bread only) with these words:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The COMMUNION MOTET is sung

Rorate coeli - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 - 1594)

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of life.

Through our sharing in this holy sacrament

teach us to judge wisely earthly things

and to yearn for things heavenly.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of 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.

THE BLESSING

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 with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Rorate coeli – Demessieux (1921 - 1968)

*Please remain in your seat
until the Churchwardens indicate for you to exit after the Voluntary.*

'Roadmap' for Cathedral Services: December 2021

The latest government announcements (19th October & 16th November) and their communication with the House of Bishops (21st October) about guidelines for Places of Worship were somewhat unclear. The HSE *Covid-19 Guidance for Places of Worship* was updated on 22nd November. Nonetheless little has changed and the Cathedral will continue with its current protocols as before.

The Cathedral Choir timetable will continue as follows:

Sundays	11.15am - Lay Vicars Choral and Junior Lay Vicars (as before) 3.30pm - Lay Vicars Choral and Boy Choristers
Fridays	6.15pm - Lay Vicars Choral and Girl Choristers

Special Cathedral Services and Events - December 2021

Saturday 11th 7.00pm - Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert
(Tickets €15 - available from the Cathedral Shop)
*Pre-booked and ticketed with numbered seating.
Evidence of vaccination or recovery will be mandatory.*

Sunday 12th 11.15am - The 'Great Os' - A Choral Eucharist for Advent
on the theme of Hope and Expectation

Sunday 19th & Christmas Eve - 4.00pm - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tickets are available in the Cathedral Shop for collection in person.

Please note: The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a pre-booked and ticketed event with numbered seating. Admission without a ticket will not be possible. Evidence of vaccination or recovery will be mandatory.

Cathedral opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10.00am - 5.30pm

Christmas Day 9.30am - Festival Choral Eucharist of the Nativity
11.15am - Festival Choral Eucharist of the Nativity

Following consultation with the Churchwardens, we have decided to 'pre-book' both services as we did last year. This can be done by emailing the Dean at revnigeldunne@gmail.com or calling the Cathedral Office (021) 4963387

Capacity will be restricted to 120 at each service and the usual Covid-19 protocols for services will apply.

Both services will be live-streamed.
