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The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday before Advent
Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday, 15 November 2026
10.15 a.m.
The Nave

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Welcome

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral. There has been a place of worship on this site for over 1,300 years. Today, we join with the generations of people who have gone before us and with the whole company of heaven in the worship of God.

The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving', is perhaps the most important act of worship for Christians because it recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus, fulfilling his command at the Last Supper to remember him. Outwardly, the Eucharist takes the form of sharing bread and wine; inwardly, Christ is made present to us in a special way, and we are given a taste of the heavenly banquet, which God has prepared for those who love him.

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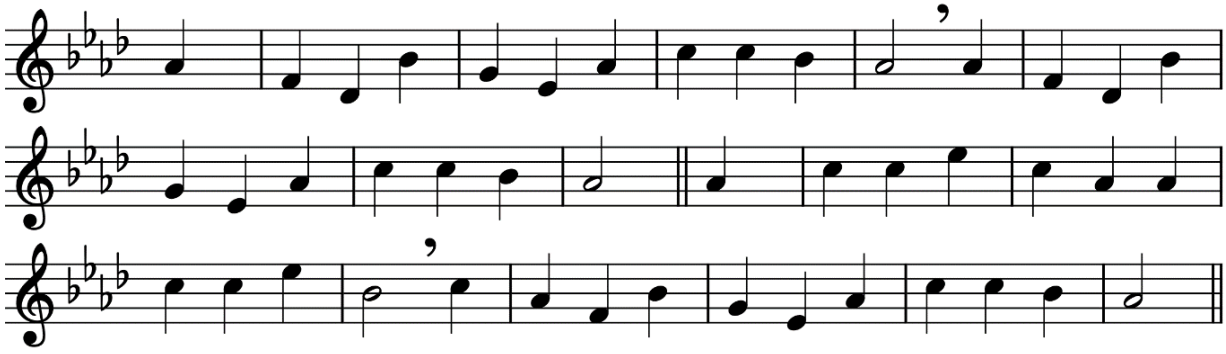
The musical setting of the Eucharist is
MESSE BRÈVE BY THÉODORE DUBOIS 1837-1924

The president is the Dean
The Very Reverend Andrew Zihni

The preacher is the Canon Precentor
The Reverend Canon Craig Huxley-Jones

¶ *The Gathering*

At 10.15 a.m., the congregation stands to sing the processional hymn



Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words, W. Chalmers Smith 1824-1908
Based on 1 Timothy 1.17
Tune, ST DENIO; adapted from a Welsh song set to a hymn in
John Roberts *Caniadau y Cyssegre* 1839

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The president gives a welcome and introduces the service.

Prayers of Preparation

All **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.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

We come into God's presence
aware of past failures and seeking his forgiveness.
We pray for all who have been abused
and for the healing of minds and memories.
In the silence we bring before God our community
in penitence and faith.

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
hear us as we cry out to you in our need and anguish:
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,
or our neighbours as ourselves.
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

For sins of negligence and ignorance:
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

For feeble faith and judgemental attitudes:
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

For self-deceit and colluding with falsehood:
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

For complacency and lack of vigilance:
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

For the times when people have been abused:
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

Bind up the wounds of those who have been hurt,
and in your mercy make us whole.
Lord, forgive us
All **and heal us.**

The president says

The almighty and merciful Lord
✚ grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo	*Glory to God in the highest,*
et in terra pax	*and in earth peace,*
hominibus bonae voluntatis.	*goodwill to all people.*
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,	*We praise you, we bless you,*
adoramus te, glorificamus te,	*we worship you, we glorify you,*
gratias agimus tibi propter	*we give thanks to you*
magnam gloriam tuam.	*for your great glory.*
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,	*Lord God, heavenly King,*
Deus Pater omnipotens.	*almighty God and Father,*
Domine Fili unigenite,	*Lord Jesus Christ,*
Jesu Christe.	*the only-begotten Son,*
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,	*Lord God, Lamb of God,*
Filius Patris,	*Son of the Father,*
qui tollis peccata mundi,	*who takes away the sins of the world,*
miserere nobis,	*have mercy on us,*
qui tollis peccata mundi,	*who takes away the sins of the world,*
suscipe deprecationem nostram,	*receive our prayer,*
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	*who sits at the right hand of the Father,*
miserere nobis.	*have mercy on us.*
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,	*For you alone are the Holy One,*
tu solus Dominus,	*you alone are the Lord,*
tu solus altissimus,	*you alone are the Most High,*
Jesu Christe,	*Jesus Christ,*
cum Sancto Spiritu	*with the Holy Spirit,*
in gloria Dei Patris.	*in the glory of God the Father.*
Amen.	*Amen.*

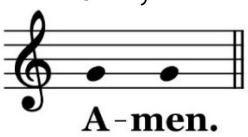
The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, singing

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

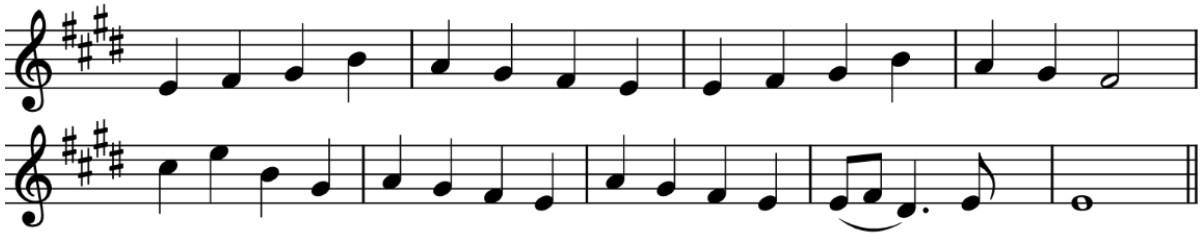
Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

13.1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing



1. **Brother, sister, let me serve you,**
   let me be as Christ to you;
   pray that I may have the grace to
   let you be my servant too.

2. **We are pilgrims on a journey**
   and companions on the road;
   we are here to help each other
   walk the mile and bear the load.

3. **I will hold the Christ-light for you**
   in the night-time of your fear;
   I will hold my hand out to you,
   speak the peace you long to hear.

4. **I will weep when you are weeping;**
   when you laugh I'll laugh with you
   I will share your joy and sorrow
   till we've seen this journey through.

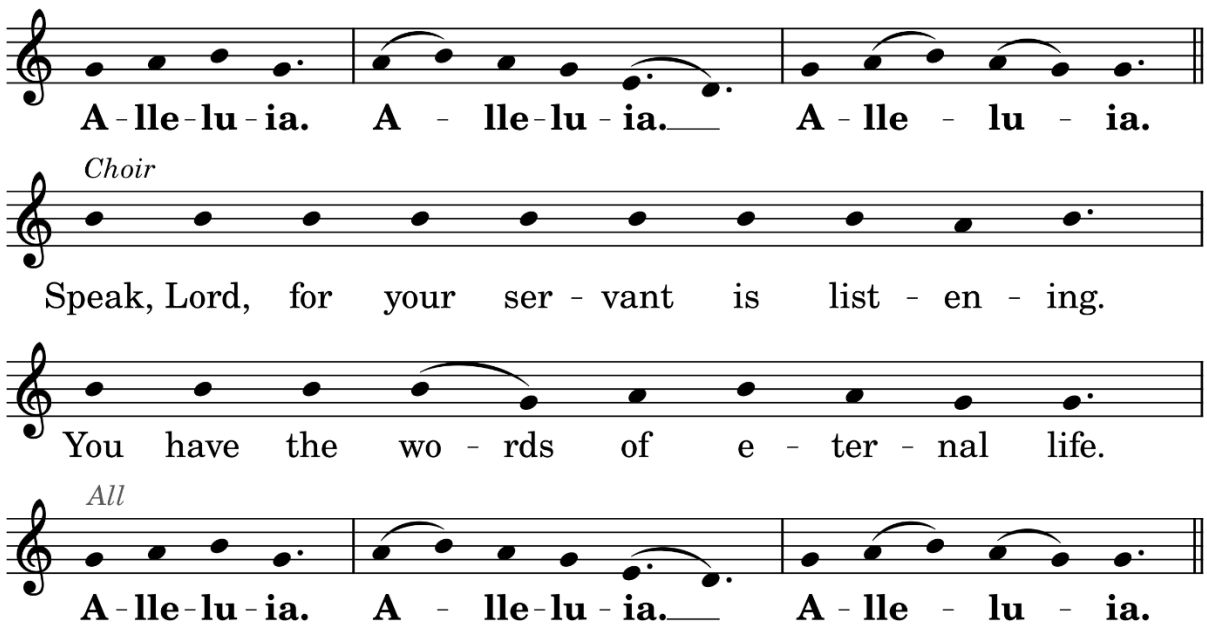
5. **When we sing to God in heaven**
   we shall find such harmony,
   born of all we've known together
   of Christ's love and agony.

6. **Brother, sister, let me serve you,**
   let me be as Christ to you;
   pray that I may have the grace to
   let you be my servant too.

Words, Richard Gillard 1953-
Tune, SERVANT SONG; Richard Gillard, *arr.* Betty Pulkingham 1928-

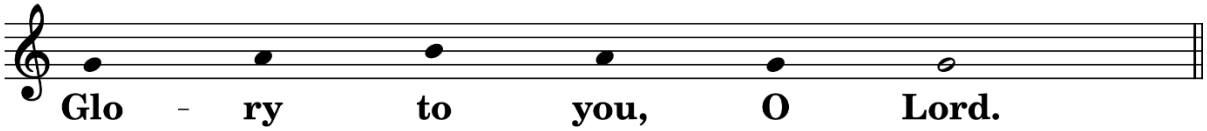
Gospel Reading

The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat



When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says

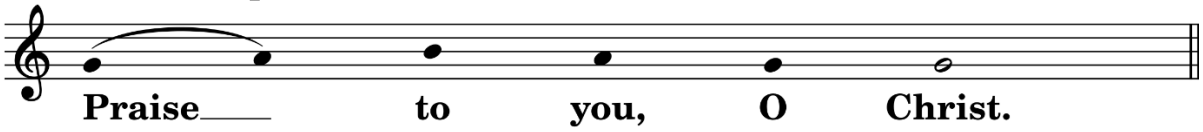
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.



"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

25.31-46

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The congregation sits.

The Creed

The congregation stands and the president says

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **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.

The Prayers of Intercession

The president says

On this Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for all who have experienced abuse, for those who work to protect others, and for the Church we are called to be. As we pray, five candles will be lit, reflecting the Church of England's five National Safeguarding Standards and reminding us of our shared responsibility for the wellbeing and flourishing of all God's children.

The congregation sits.

Culture, Leadership and Capacity, read by a member of clergy

Loving God, you created us in your image, yet too often your Church has failed to reflect your love. Forgive us when we have neglected those seeking safety, failed to listen, or placed the reputation of the Church above the wellbeing of others. Give our leaders humility and integrity, and help us to build a culture of openness, accountability and care, where every person is valued and every voice matters.

A candle is lit.

Loving God,

All **hear us and help us.**

Prevention, read by Colin, Cathedral Steward

Loving God, we pray for all who enter our churches, especially children, young people and those who may be vulnerable. Remind us that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Give us wisdom to recognise harmful behaviour and courage to challenge it. May our cathedral be a place where all can find safety, belonging and the freedom to flourish.

A candle is lit.

Loving God,

All **hear us and help us.**

Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk, read by Gill, Cathedral Congregation Safeguarding Contact

Loving God, open our eyes to what we might rather not see, and our ears to voices we might find difficult to hear. Give wisdom to those entrusted with safeguarding responsibilities, and courage to all of us to speak out when something is wrong. Help us to confront difficult truths, respond with compassion and act with integrity.

A candle is lit.

Loving God,

All **hear us and help us.**

Victims and Survivors, read by Chris, a member of the Pastoral Visiting Team

Loving God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have promised rest to the weary and burdened, yet too often your Church has added to the burdens of those who have suffered abuse. We pray for all victims and survivors, especially those harmed within the Church, and those whose voices have been silenced or dismissed. May they find justice, compassionate support and healing on their own terms. Help us to become a church where survivors are truly heard and where all may experience the abundant life promised in Christ.

A candle is lit.

Loving God,

All **hear us and help us.**

Learning, Supervision and Support, read by Susanna, Parish Safeguarding Trainer and a manager at Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre

Loving God, we pray for our safeguarding officers and all who work to protect and support others, within our churches and across our communities. We remember especially the work of Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service, First Light, Hope House, Victim Support and Safe Spaces, and all organisations offering safety, advocacy and hope to those affected by abuse. Give all who serve in this work wisdom, strength and encouragement. Help us to learn from the past, honestly confront the challenges of the present, and work tirelessly for a safer future.

A candle is lit.

Loving God,

All **hear us and help us.**

The world and our community, read by Mike, a member of the congregation

Loving God, we pray for our world, remembering especially those living amidst war, violence and oppression. Guide those in authority towards justice and peace and protect all whose lives are overshadowed by fear. We pray for our local communities, for those experiencing poverty, isolation or hardship, and for all who work to bring hope and practical support. We hold before you all who are sick, lonely or suffering that they may know your healing presence. We remember before you those who have died and all who mourn their loss. May they find comfort in your love and the hope of resurrection.

Loving God,
All **hear us and help us.**

At the end, the president says

Loving God, as these five candles burn before us, may their light challenge our complacency, strengthen our resolve and guide our actions. Help us to build a Church where those who are vulnerable are protected, survivors are heard, and all may know the fullness of life promised through Jesus Christ. Accept these prayers for the wellbeing and flourishing of all, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The congregation stands.

The president introduces the Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

cf Colossians 3.15

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

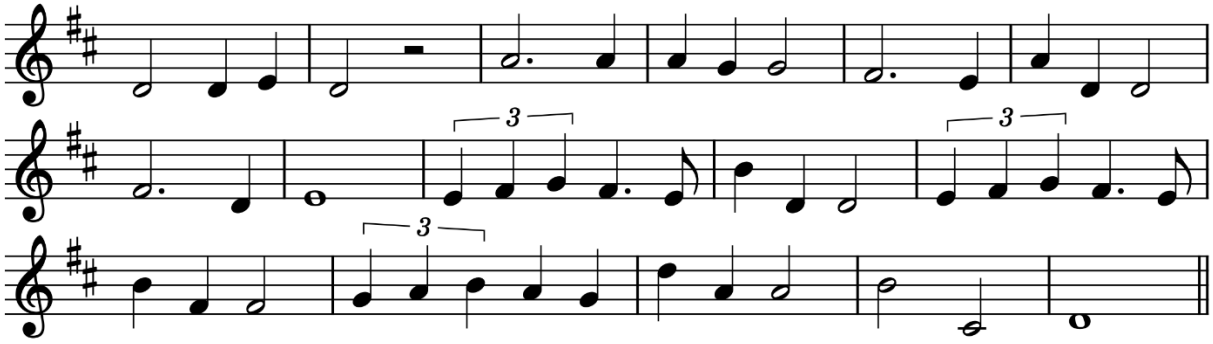
The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

As the altar is prepared, the congregation stands to sing



Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day,
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus help us see,
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Words, Patrick Appleford 1924-
Tune, LIVING LORD; Melody by Patrick Appleford 1924-

Taking of the Bread and Wine

When the altar is prepared, the president says

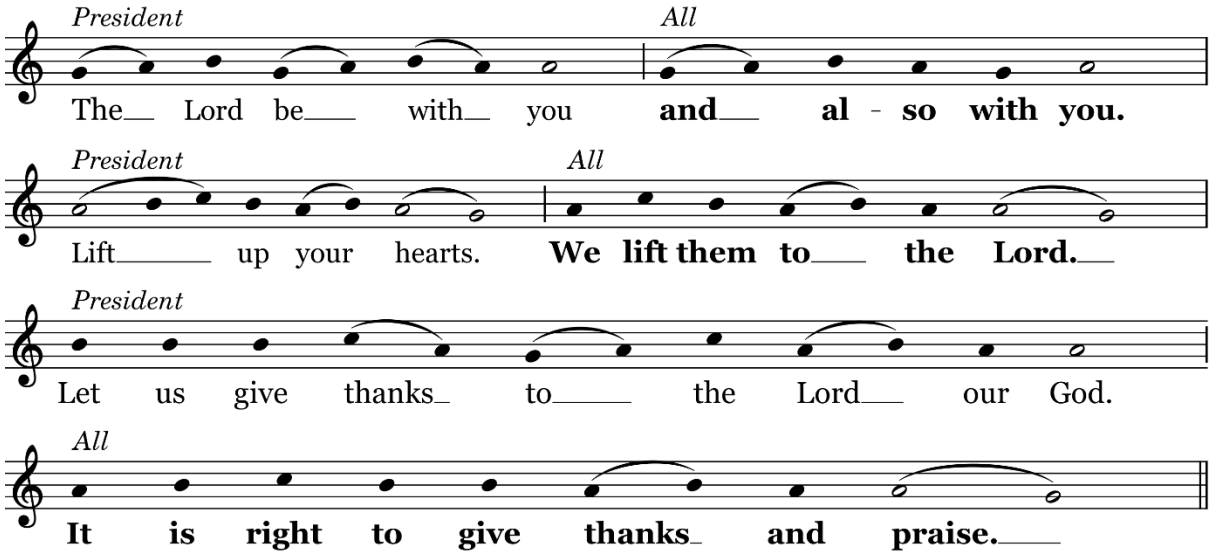
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness, we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness, we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer



The president recalls God's mighty acts

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore 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 choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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:

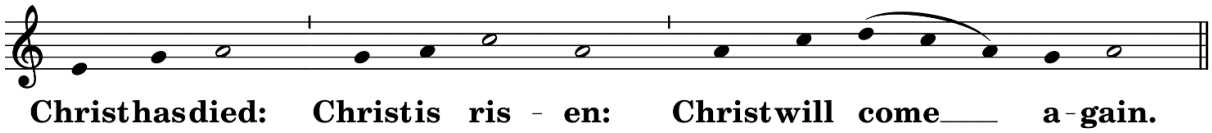
TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

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.

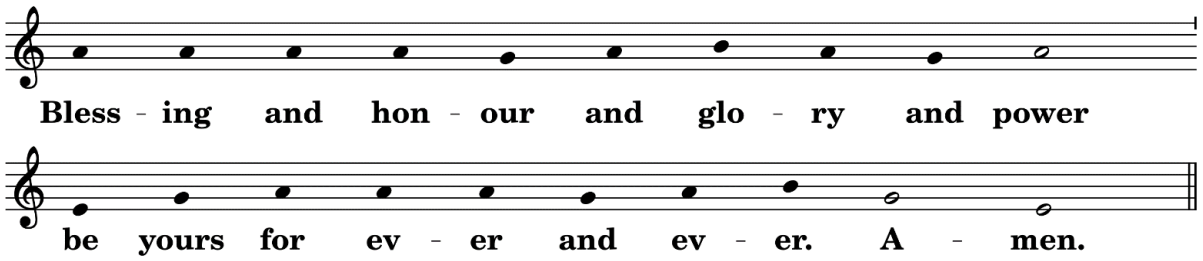
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:



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:



The congregation sits.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,
each in our own language

All **Our Father,** **Notre Père...**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; **Vater Unser...**
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; **Onze Vader...**
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. **Padre Nuestro...**
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. **Ojcze Nasz...**
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. **Baba Yetu...**
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, **E to matou Matua...**
for ever and ever.
Amen. **Ein Tad...**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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

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

Giving of Communion

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

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

The president and people receive Communion.

If it is your custom to receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so today. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you so that we may know how to minister to you.

Communion is offered in both bread and wine, though you may wish to receive the bread only. For hygiene reasons, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is prohibited. If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the ministers.

Those watching the live stream may wish to use this prayer

Lord Jesus, you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread,
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul:
since I cannot at this moment receive Communion,
come at least spiritually into my heart;
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you,
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	*O Lamb of God,* *you take away the sin of the world,* *have mercy on us.*
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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	*O Lamb of God,* *you take away the sin of the world,* *grant us peace.*

The choir sings the Communion motet

Seigneur, je vous en prie, que la force brûlante et douce de votre amour absorbe mon âme et la retire de tout ce qui est sous le ciel, afin que je meure par amour de votre amour, puisque vous avez daigné mourir par amour de mon amour.

Lord, I beseech you, may the sweet burning power of your love pervade my soul and withdraw it from everything under heaven, that I might die for love of your love, since you deigned to die for love of my love.

Words, St Francis of Assisi
Music, Francis Poulenc 1899–1963

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

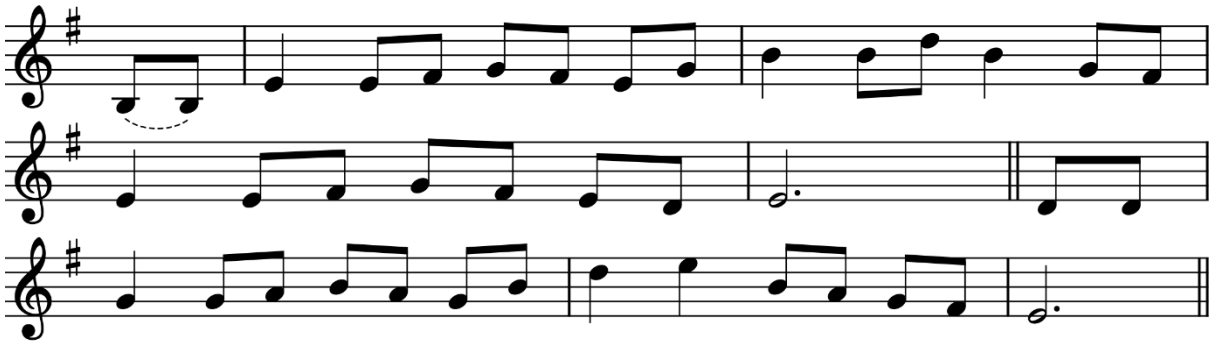
Silence is kept.

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
All **Amen.**

All **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.

¶ *The Dismissal*

The congregation stands to sing



When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you there?

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

Words, Sydney Carter 1915-2004
Tune, NEIGHBOUR; Sydney Carter 1915-2004
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The Blessing

The president says

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
+ Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The organist plays

Toccata — Théodore Dubois 1837-1924

The congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.

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Notices

Cathedral Writers' Group
Thursday 26 November, 2.15 p.m.-3.45 p.m., Laud Room

Our new group will meet for reading and discussion of members' creative writing. No experience needed. Bring a short piece (with several copies) for friendly comment and discussion. Contact Jean Bouchard, jeanybouchard@icloud.com

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Advent Group
In person: Sunday 29 November and 6, 13 December following the 10.15 a.m. Eucharist
Online: Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 December

This year's Advent Group will take place during the first three weeks of Advent. Further details to follow, but please note the dates. This year, we will be using a book co-authored by Dean Andrew: *Advent from A to Z.* Copies can be purchased from the cathedral bookshop.

Prayers for Peace and Justice
Tuesday 1 December, 12.00 noon, Lady Chapel and WhatsApp

Twenty minutes of spoken and silent prayer for issues of peace and justice. The principal focus in December will be the abolition of slavery in all its forms as the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery falls on Wednesday 2 December. Prayers will also be offered for peace in areas of conflict and for local charities. To join using WhatsApp please email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk with your mobile phone number. To submit a prayer, please email clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

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Canon Rebecca's Collation and Installation
Sunday, 6 December, 6.00 p.m., Winchester Cathedral

All are welcome to attend Canon Rebecca's Collation and Installation as Canon Precentor and Sacrist at Winchester Cathedral.

Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group
Tuesday 8 December, 2.30 p.m.–3.45 p.m., Prinknash Abbey

Join our monthly gathering using Lectio Divina to reflect on Scripture. Arrive any time from 1.00 p.m. for lunch, coffee or cake. No previous experience needed. Contact Dorothy Marshall congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

