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The Holy Eucharist

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 8 November 2026
10.45 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
MISSA L'HORA PASSA BY LUDOVICO DA VIADANA

The president and preacher is the Canon Missioner
The Reverend Canon Dr Sandra Millar

¶ *The Gathering*

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



O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
aflame with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

Words, G. K. Chesterton 1874-1936
Tune, KING'S LYNN*;* English folk melody

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

In life and in death we are with the Lord.
Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy,
and ask that he will forgive us our sins,
and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

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.

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	*we give thanks to you*
propter 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

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord of the nations,
Saviour and judge of all:
remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of Remembrance*

The Ode of Remembrance

A chorister says

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

The Last Post

The Silence

Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph

A chorister says

When you go home, tell them of us and say:
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.

The Pledge

The president says

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All **We will.**

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.
All **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

6.12-16

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing



I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast’:
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

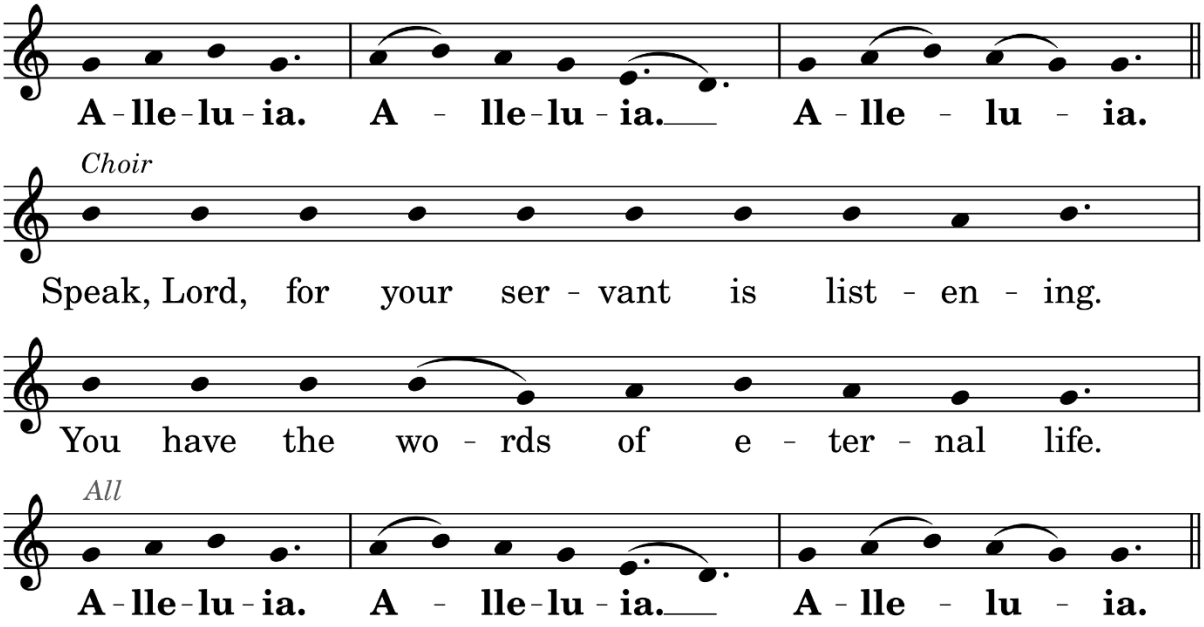
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink, and live’:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright’:
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Words, Horatius Bonar 1808-1889
Tune, KINGSFOLD; English folksong from *English Country Songs* 1893

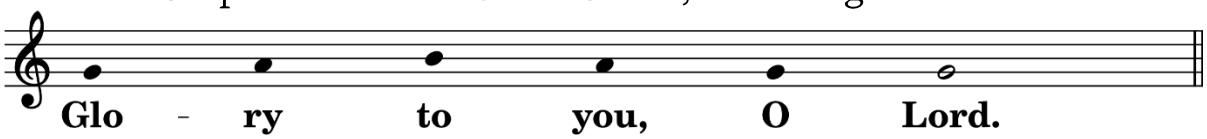
Gospel Reading

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.



Jesus said, 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

25.1-13

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

In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

The congregation sits.

After each prayer, the response is used

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

At the end, the president says

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The congregation stands.

The president introduces the Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

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



Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Words, Charlotte Elliot 1707-88
Tune, SAFFRON WALDEN; A. H. Brown 1830-1926

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 Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president recalls God's mighty acts

Blessed are you, Lord of life,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.
In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives
have been shattered and torn apart.
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ
may come to the peace of heaven,
there, with angels and archangels,
to sing your praise for ever:

The choir sings

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

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

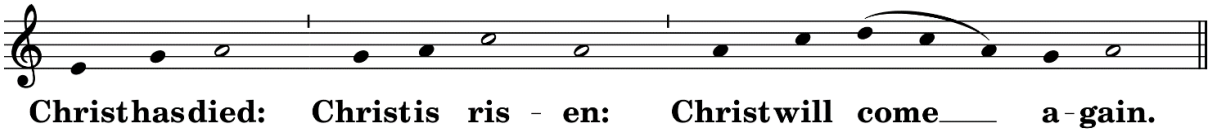
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

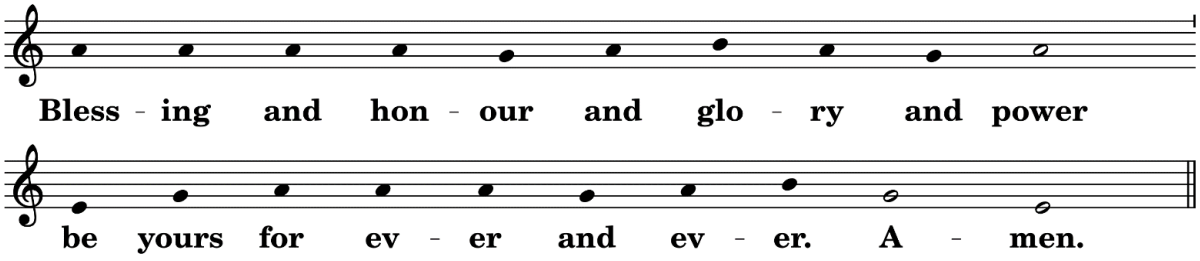
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:



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 said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

All **Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.**

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 and congregation sing 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.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	*O Lamb of God,* *you take away the sin of the world,* *have mercy on us.*
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

Exsultate justi in Domino:
rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cithara,
in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.
Cantate ei canticum novum,
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just:
Praise is fitting for the upright.
Give praise to God upon the harp,
play upon the ten-stringed psaltery.
Sing to him a new song,
Sing skillfully with a strong voice.

Words, Psalm 32.1-2
Music, Ludovico da Viadana 1564-1645

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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



Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall,
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Words, Jack C. Winslow 1882-1974
Tune, SLANE*;* Irish traditional melody harmonised by Erik Routley 1917-1982

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

Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 546 J. S. Bach 1685-1750

The congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.

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Notices

Cathedral Book Club
Monday 9 November, 2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., Laud Room

This month we will meet for a discussion of *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group
Tuesday 10 November, 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

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Safeguarding Sunday: Love in Action
Sunday 15 November

This year we will be reflecting on how we can be a community of love in action, where all who come here can feel safe and protected. Following the 10.15 a.m. Eucharist there will be a Congregational Forum so that we can share conversations about how we continue to shape our safeguarding culture.

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.