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CATHEDRAL

**The Holy Eucharist**  
*Baptism of Christ*

Sunday 11 January 2026  
10.15 a.m.

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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.

If you are new and would like to discover more about congregational life, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy at the end of the service. There is also information about being part of the cathedral congregation on the website. You can contact the Cathedral clergy by emailing: [clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)



*The service is sung by the Cathedral Choir*

*The musical setting of the Eucharist is  
MISSA L'HORA PASSA by Ludovico da Viadana*

*The president and preacher is the Dean  
The Very Reverend Andrew Zihni*

# ¶ *The Gathering*

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



**Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent his glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.**

**Awake and rise, with love renewed,  
and with the Spirit's power endued.  
The light of life in us must glow,  
and fruits of truth and goodness show.**

**Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel;  
That Christ may judge, and judging heal.**

**Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Words, J. R. Peacey 1896-1971*

*based on Ephesians 5.6-20*

*Tune, DEUS TUORUM MILITUM; Grenoble church melody*

*The president greets the people*

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

*All Amen.*

## The Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

*All From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.*

The Lord of glory be with you.

*All The Lord bless you.*

*The president gives a welcome and introduces the service.*

## The Prayer 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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*The choir sings*

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 cælestis,  
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 in earth peace,  
goodwill to all people.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you  
for your great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer,  
who sits at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.*

*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

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer, saying,*

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through 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.

*All Amen.*

*The congregation sits.*

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

## Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

42.1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands to sing*



**When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon,  
but as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.**

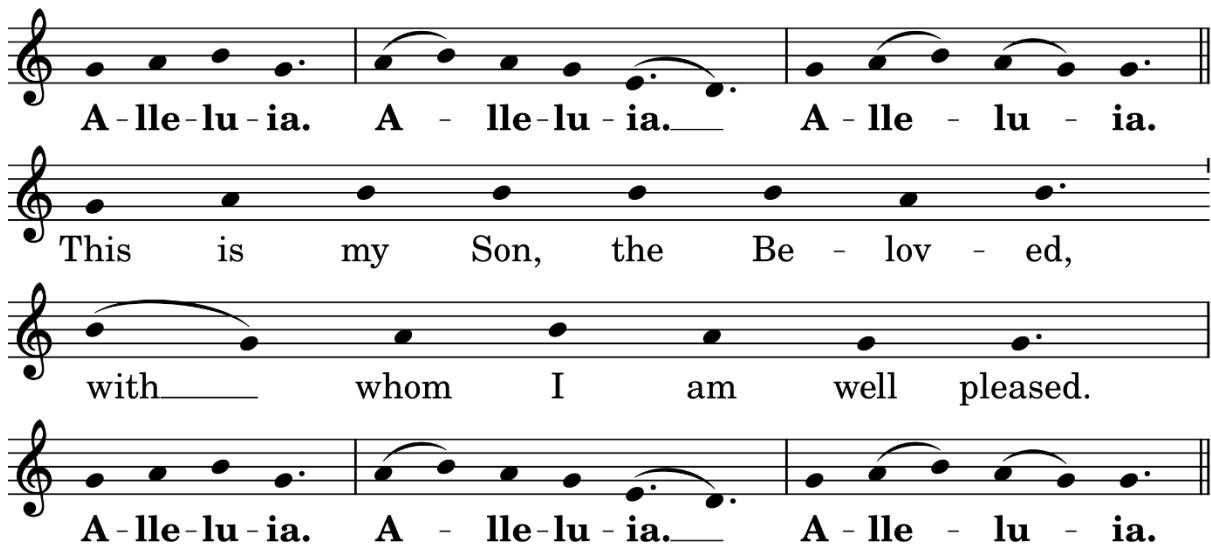
**He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss;  
for us and our salvation  
to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make,  
this very day invade us,  
and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.**

*Words, F. Pratt Green 1903-2000  
Tune, OFFERTORIUM; Melody adapted from  
Michael Haydn 1737-1806*

## Gospel Reading

*The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat*



Music notation for the acclamation 'Alleluia'. The notation consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: 'A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia.' The second staff contains the text 'This is my Son, the Belov - ed,' and the third staff contains 'with whom I am well pleased.'

*When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says*

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



Music notation for the deacon's announcement. The notation consists of one staff of music with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.'

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

3.13-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Music notation for the end of the Gospel reading. The notation consists of one staff of music with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: 'Praise to you, O Christ.'

## Sermon

*The congregation sits.*

# ¶ *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

## **The Prayer over the Water**

*Water is brought forward and poured into the font with these words*

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*All* **Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

*The president stands before the water and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

*All* **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;  
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;  
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptized  
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ  
in the freedom of your kingdom.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

*All* **Alleluia. Amen.**

## The Act of Penitence and Dedication

God of truth,  
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;  
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*All* **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,  
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*All* **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Though we are saved by Christ  
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,  
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*All* **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have shown indifference to those in need  
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*All* **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember  
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*All* **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Today we rejoice and give thanks  
because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan.  
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism  
for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*All* **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Through water and Spirit  
you give us new life as the people of God,  
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.  
From all our sins, O Lord:

*All* **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Almighty God,  
in our baptism you have consecrated us  
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,  
and worship you with upright lives;  
through Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*The president sprinkles the congregation with these words*  
Remember your baptism and be faithful to Christ.

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*The congregation stands.*

*The president introduces the Peace*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

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 remains standing to sing*



**Jesus, come! for we invite you,  
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak, and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.**

**Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,  
guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants,  
let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
all shall see what you have done.**

**Jesus, come in new creation,  
heaven brought near in power divine;  
give your unexpected glory  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples  
come, our first and greatest Sign!**

**Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe, and live!**

*Words, Christopher Idle 1938-; based on John 2.1-4  
Tune, UNSER HERRSCHER; Melody set to Unser Herrscher in Alpha and Omega  
Joachim Neander 1650-1680*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*When the altar is prepared, the president says*

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

All Amen.

# The Eucharistic Prayer

### *The president recalls God's mighty acts*

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.  
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
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:



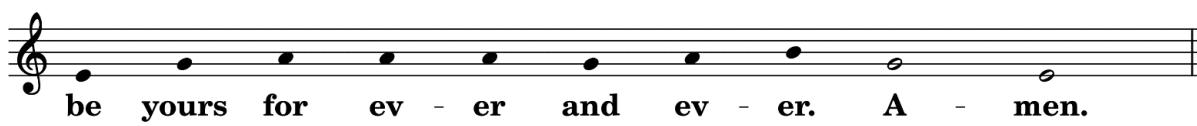
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

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:



**Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power**



*The congregation sits.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,  
each in our own language

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

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

<i>All</i> <b>God here among us,</b>
<b>light in the midst of us,</b>
<b>bring us to light and life.</b>

## Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

<i>All</i> <b>Jesus Christ is holy,</b>
<b>Jesus Christ is Lord,</b>
<b>to the glory of God the Father.</b>

*In the Cathedral, 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.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

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

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

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

*The choir sings the Communion motet*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit in to our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

*Words, from the Latin 'Domine, Spiritum Sanctum Tuum in Cordibus Nostris'  
Tune, Thomas Tallis 1505-1585*

## Prayer after Communion

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

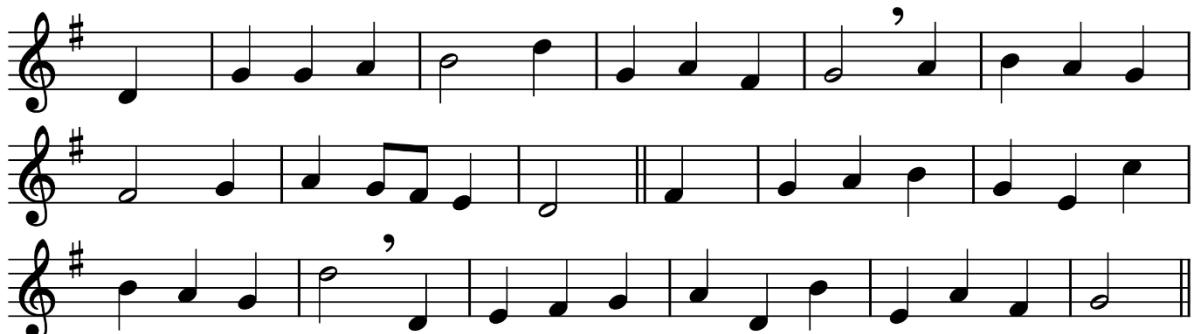
Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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*



**The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

*Words, Bryn Rees 1911-1983  
Tune, HANOVER; A supplement to the New Version 1708*

## Acclamation

*The deacon says*

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

**All God has revealed himself to us.**

The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.

**All God has revealed himself to us.**

The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.

**All God has revealed himself to us.**

Submitting to John's baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.

**All God has revealed himself to us.**

## The Blessing

*The president says*

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**All Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

**All Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who came upon the beloved Son  
at his baptism in the river Jordan,  
pour out his gifts on you  
who have come to the waters of new birth.

**All Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty,  
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*The deacon says*

We have come to Christ, the living water.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The congregation remains standing for the procession.*

*The organist plays*

Prelude and Fugue in C (BWV 545)

J. S. Bach 1685-1750

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# Notices

## Cathedral Book Club

*Monday 12 January, 2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., Laud Room*

This month we will meet for a discussion of *Mrs Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf.

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## Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group

*Tuesday 13 January, 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 Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376 or [congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## City Prayer in the Week of Christian Unity

*Sunday 18 January, 7.00 p.m., Hillview Evangelical in 26 Colwell Avenue, GL3 3LX*

A short service of 45 minutes to share what God has done in the year, stories from the prayer walking, and to pray for our city.

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## Prayers for Peace and Justice

*Tuesday 3 February, 12.00 noon, Lady Chapel and on Zoom*

Twenty minutes of spoken and silent prayer for peace, justice, especially racial justice. The principal focus will be Racial Justice Sunday on 8 February. To join online, email [reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk) and to submit a prayer, email [clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## Cathedral Community Coffee Morning

*Wednesday 4 February, 10.30–11.30 a.m., Monk's Kitchen*

All welcome for coffee and friendly conversation. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376 or [congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## Expression of Interest in Pastoral Visiting

As Christians, Jesus calls us to love and care for one another. To more fully live out this ministry, the Cathedral is pleased to be developing a Pastoral Care Visiting Team. If the role of a Pastoral Visitor is something you feel called to and wish to explore, then we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact the designated leads - Gill Brook on [gill.brook@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:gill.brook@gloucestercathedral.org.uk) or The Revd. Sister Debbie Orriss on [debbie.orriss@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:debbie.orriss@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

We will then arrange a suitable time for a conversation to explore this with you and tell you more about what it involves. All pastoral visitors are required to be baptised members of the Church of England and (preferably) a confirmed member of the Church. Training in Pastoral Care Visiting and Safeguarding are essential to this role and will be provided. Relevant DBS checks and references will also be undertaken. *Closing date for expression of interest is Sunday 1 February.*