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**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
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THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

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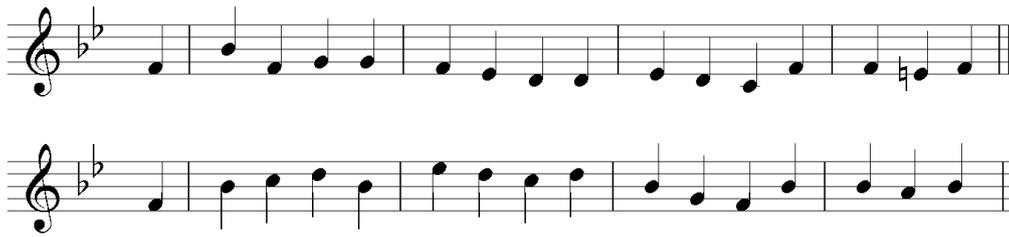
PREACHER: THE REVD CANON DR MAURICE ELLIOT

SETTING: COMMUNION SERVICE IN G, FRANCIS JACKSON (b.1917)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Gathering of God's People

Processional Hymn



On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast;
And furnished for so great a guest;
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free;
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

Tune: Winchester New
Wittwe's *Musicalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
trans. J. Chandler (1806-76)

The Greeting

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all; **and also with you.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself

On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

Matthew 22: 37-39

The Call to 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.

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 priest pronounces the Absolution:

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 146:4-10

- 4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;**
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
and bread to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord looses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;**
- 8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;
- 9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow;
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.**
- 10 The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

*Please stand for the Gospel Procession.
The deacon then lights the candle*

The Gospel

Luke 3: 7-18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St N:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All turn to face the reader

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to

Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

please stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of
God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

All sit or kneel

At the end of each prayer

Lord, in your mercy.

The following response is said by all

Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers all say

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

The Peace

All stand

The priest introduces the peace with these words

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 priest says

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

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The Offertory Hymn



**Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.**

**He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.**

Tune: Bristol

Thomas Ravenscroft's *Psalmes*, 1621

Philip Doddridge (1702–1751)

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

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 priest says

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
Therefore let us celebrate the feast

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
and also with you

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:
Salvation is your gift
through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and by him you will make all things new
when he returns in glory to judge the world:
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:

**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!**

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:

All remain standing

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, and in 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 taught us we are bold to say
Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread for communion and says

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 Communion

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

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.**

*Wherever you are from and whatever you believe you are welcome to receive at the table of the Lord.
Please remain in your row until directed by the vergers. Come forward via the centre aisle to receive
communion and return to your seat via the side aisles. Individual cups are in use for those who wish to
receive the wine. Gluten free hosts are available.*

The Great Silence

The congregation is invited to spend some moments in silent reflection

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

Father, we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts.

Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit

that when Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,

that when we were still far off

you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love,

gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

All say:

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

The Post-communion Hymn



**Lift up your heads ye mighty gates,
Behold the King of glory waits,
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Saviour of the world is here.**

**O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes.**

**Come then O Saviour, and abide,
Our hearts to thee be open wide;
May all thy inward presence feel,
To all thy grace and love reveal.**

Tune: Wareham
William Knapp (1698-1768)

George Weissel (1590-1635)

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people with these words

**Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from 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

The priest or deacon says or sings

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain standing for the procession of clergy and choir
and sit for the*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 JS Bach

Pre-booking now available for Outdoor Live Nativity!

19-20 December, 17.30 – 19.30

Showings on the hour and half-hour



Free of charge, pre-booking places here:

<https://christchurch.bookeventsireland.com/christchurch/outdoor-live-nativity/>

(A limited number of walk-up places will be available for each showing)

Upcoming Seasonal Services

Christingle Service

15 December, 18.00

An informal Christingle Service, celebrating Christ, the Light of the World.

Sung by our girl choristers, this is a family-friendly and hands-on service

which will give each family the opportunity to make a Christingle. *Doors open at 17.30.*

Nine Lessons and Carols

19 December, 15.00 *(Please note start time)*

Congregation size will be limited. Email RSVP@christchurch.ie to book a place.

Christmas Eve

24 December, 23.00 *(Please note start time)*

Congregation size will be limited. Email RSVP@christchurch.ie to book a place.

Christmas Day

25 December, 11.00

Congregation size will be limited. Email RSVP@christchurch.ie to book a place.

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