

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024

11.00AM

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# CHORAL EUCHARIST

## PRESIDENT

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



## DEACON

Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor



## SUBDEACON & PREACHER

Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian



## CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir



## SETTING

### KYRIE & SANCTUS

Spatzenmesse, K. 220  
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

### AGNUS DEI

Missa brevis Sancti Ioannis de Deo  
Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Please stand as the Procession enters.

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

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### NEH 161 (tune NEH 385)



For Mary, Mother of the Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
Who first the Son of God adored  
As on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word  
She should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
Made answer willingly.

The heavenly call she thus obeyed,  
And so God's will was done;  
The second Eve love's answer made  
Which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine,  
Her heart to piercing pain,  
And knew the cost of love divine  
When Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
And home in Galilee,  
There comes a joy and holiness  
To every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
Above all women blest;  
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace  
In birth and death confessed.

### TUNE: ST BOTOLPH

Gordon Slater  
(1896-1979)

### TEXT:

J. R. Peacey  
(1896-1971)

## THE GATHERING

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

**All      Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All      and also with you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.*

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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### ADVENT 4      THE BLESSÈD VIRGIN MARY

*The President introduces the lighting of the fourth candle on our Advent Crown. When the candle is lit, the following prayer is said:*

We light this candle for all God-bearers;  
saying “yes” to God’s challenge;  
accepting the pain and joy of an unknown future.

God, as we wait for your promise,

**All      give us light, give us hope.**

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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Christ the light of the world has come  
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

**All      Come let us return to the Lord and say:  
Lord our God  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The Choir sings:*

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

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Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

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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.**

*Please be seated when the President sits. The Choir sings:*

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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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 caelestis,  
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 on earth peace  
and goodwill to his people.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you,  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty,

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
who takes away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us;  
You who takes away the sin of the  
world, receive our prayer.  
you who is seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are Holy,  
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

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*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All**     **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

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**Micah 5.2-5a**

*Read by* **Guy Rowston**

A reading from the Book of Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**     **Thanks be to God.**



## THE ADVENT PROSE

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The response is:



Drop down, ye hea-vens, from a - bove,\* and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,  
neither remember iniquity forever:  
thy holy cities are a wilderness,  
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
our holy and our beautiful house,  
where our fathers praised thee. **R**

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,  
and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind,  
have taken us away:  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. **R**

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen:  
that ye may know me and believe me:  
I, even I, am the Lord,  
and beside me there is no Saviour:  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. **R**

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,  
my salvation shall not tarry:  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud  
thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee:  
For I am the Lord thy God,  
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. **R**

## THE SECOND READING

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### Hebrews 10.5-10

Read by **Gill Reynolds, Senior Non-Executive Member of Chapter**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.  
Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel as the Procession moves into the Nave.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

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### Luke 1.39-55

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**All** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

**All** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

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**Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian**

## **THE CREED**

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*Please stand.*

**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

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

*Please be seated or kneel.*

*The prayers are led by **Sandra Elsom***

*One of these responses may be used:*

Maranatha.  
**All     Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**All     Let us pray to the Lord,  
         Lord, have mercy.**

*At the end one the following may be used:*

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

**All     Hasten, Lord, the day  
         when people will come  
         from east and west,  
         from north and south,  
         and sit at your table  
         in your kingdom  
         where we shall see  
         your Son in glory.  
         Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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*Please stand.*

### THE PEACE

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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 the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 2). Please use this QR code or the link to donate online.*

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# THE OFFERTORY HYMN

## NEH 185



Sing we of the blessed Mother  
Who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to his summons  
Bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
At whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
Of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
She his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of our redemption  
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary  
When she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
Waited on his promised word:  
From on high the blazing glory  
Of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being,  
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
When on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.

### TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH

Cyril Taylor  
(1907-1991)

### TEXT:

G. B. Timms  
(1910-1997)

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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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.

**All**     **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.  
John the Baptist was his herald  
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your glory,  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*The Choir sings:*

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

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

*The President continues:*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life.

**All**     **When we eat this bread and drink this cup**  
**We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessèd Virgin Mary and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All**     **Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

*Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.*

<b>All</b>	<b>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.</b>	Baba wa... Notre Père... 天におられる私たちの父よ... Nna anyi... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... ОТЧЕ НАШ... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... اے ہمارے باپ
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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**All**      **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessèd 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.**

*Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.*

*Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to draw near for a blessing.*

*During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:*

## **AGNUS DEI**

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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.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*Followed by:*

## **THE COMMUNION ANTHEM**

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### **Ave Maria • Robert Parsons (c. 1530-c. 1572)**

Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus  
fructus ventris tui.  
Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessèd are you among women,  
and blessèd  
is the fruit of your womb.  
Amen.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

**All**      **Generous God,  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
Set us on fire with your Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we may shine like lights before his face,  
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.  
Amen.**

## THE NOTICES

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*Please be seated.*

## THE BLESSING

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*Please stand.*

**All**      The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,  
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

**All**      **Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge  
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

**All**      **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ  
help you to bear the fruits of holiness.

**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 FINAL HYMN

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## NEH 11



O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel  
That into exile drear is gone,  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

### Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating man from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.

### Refrain

O come, O come, Adonaï,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From Sinai's mountain clothed in awe,  
Gavest thy folk the ancient Law.

### Refrain

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

### Refrain

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.

### Refrain

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

**Refrain**

O Come, Desire of Nations! show  
Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.

**Refrain**

**TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL**

adapted from a French Missal  
by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

**TEXT:**

Cologne 1710, based on  
the ancient Advent Antiphons  
tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) et al.

*Please remain standing for:*

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**THE DISMISSAL**

Our Lord says, "I am coming soon".

**All**      **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

**All**      **Amen.**

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**THE VOLUNTARY**

**Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733 • J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

*Please leave the Cathedral by the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard.  
Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you  
have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to  
welcoming you back.*

# NOTICES

## WORSHIP, INCLUDING THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

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Preachers are indicated in italics.

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### SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER ♦ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b> <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Tots' Carol Service at St Hugh's</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist*</b> <i>Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian</i>
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Cathedral Carol Service I*</b>

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### MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Midday Prayer</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Cathedral Carol Service II</b>

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### TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER ♦ Christmas Eve

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer*</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Midday Prayer</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>The First Eucharist of Christmas*</b> <i>The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun</i>

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**WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER ♦ CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 8.30am Morning Prayer\***  
**9.00am Eucharist with Carols**  
*The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark*
- 9.30am Quiet Christmas Day Communion at St Hugh's**  
*The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor*
- 11.00am Choral Eucharist\***  
*The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark*
- 1.00pm Cathedral closes**

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**THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER — SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER  
STEPHEN, JOHN & THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer\***  
**9.30am Eucharist**  
**4.00pm Evening Prayer**

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**SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER ♦ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

- 8.30am Morning Prayer\***  
**9.00am Eucharist** *Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor*  
**9.30am Eucharist at St Hugh's** *Canon Roxanne Eversley, Librarian*  
**11.00am Choral Eucharist\*** *Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor*  
**3.00pm Choral Evensong** *Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor*  
**6.00pm Compline<sup>†</sup>**

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**MONDAY 30 DECEMBER**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer\***  
**9.30am Eucharist**  
**4.00pm Evening Prayer**

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**TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER ♦ New Year's Eve**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer\***  
**9.30am Eucharist**  
**4.00pm Evening Prayer**  
**10.30pm Watchnight Gathering at St Hugh's**  
**11.15pm Watchnight Service at St Hugh's**

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**WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY ♦ THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS  
New Year's Day**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer\***  
**9.30am Eucharist**  
**4.00pm Evening Prayer**

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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Children and young people are an important part of our Cathedral family and play a vital role in our life together. We would love to encourage your children to join one of our Sunday groups for young people.

### CRÈCHE

During the 11.00am Sunday Eucharist, crèche facilities are available in the Chapter Room for accompanied children under 4.

### JUNIOR XPRESS

Junior Xpress are on break until Sunday 12 January.

Junior Xpress is for children in Reception to Year 6 gathers each week in the Cathedral and after a prayer and blessing will go for worship and activities before rejoining the rest of the congregation for the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion. Children are warmly invited to join Junior Xpress, especially if this is their first time. More details can be obtained from the Sub Dean [michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

### YOUTH XPRESS

Young people in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join Youth Xpress for discussion and debate around Christian themes. Breakfast will also be provided! We meet one Sunday every month at 10.45am in the Cathedral Library.

## CATHEDRAL LISTENING TEAM

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Would you like to talk to someone confidentially? Is something/one on your heart? The Cathedral Listening team are volunteers, who sit in the Retrochoir behind the High Altar after the Choral Eucharist on a Sunday, ready to listen to anyone who would like to talk in confidence. They are available from after the service until 1.00pm. If you would like to talk to a Cathedral Listener, please approach them directly or sit nearby if they are already occupied.

## A SAFE CHURCH

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Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor, is Chapter Lead for Safeguarding. Any issues relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults should be directed to the Cathedral Safeguarding Officers in the first instance:

**Cherry James** [cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org)

**Helen Quintrell** [hmqmc3@gmail.com](mailto:hmqmc3@gmail.com)

**Jill Tilley** [jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org)

Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.



## CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY PARKING

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Parking in the Green Market will be available thanks to our friends at Borough Market from 7.00-10.00pm on Christmas Eve and from 08.30am-1.30pm on Christmas Day. For safety reasons drivers should take the first entrance into the market on Bedale Street by The Globe pub and exit via the arch.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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There will be a table for the congregation to leave Christmas cards for friends in the South Transept today, Sunday 22 December.

## HELP DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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If you need to contact one of the Cathedral clergy you can do so via the Vergers phone number 020 7367 6712

Christmas can be a difficult time for many people and it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to. For details of helplines please see <https://christmascountdown.uk/christmas-day-helplines/>

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?

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We would love to get to know you, so please complete a Newcomer form, available from the stewards or contact the Sub Dean [michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org)

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT ST HUGH'S

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### THURSDAYS, 7.30PM

The Thursday Bible Study at St Hugh's, Bermondsey SE1 3PT is inclusive, friendly and perfect for beginners or growing your confidence. <https://sthughsbermondsey.org.uk/bible-study/>

## GIVING TO THE CATHEDRAL

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At the Annual Parochial Church meeting we launched the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) as a new way of giving to the Cathedral on a regular basis. We encourage everyone to move to this improved system. Visit <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works/> or speak to Canon Michael Rawson for more information.

To sign up you will need your personal bank account details; the name of our parish: **Southwark Cathedral**; the PGS code for our parish: **370637001**; whether you are eligible for Gift Aid.

## **ROBES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**

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### **JANUARY 2025**

The Cathedral Robes team will be hosting 20 guests on Friday nights / Saturday mornings from 10 January until 29 March. As part of our hospitality we offer toiletries and also new socks, underwear, hats and gloves for our guests. The majority of our guests are men.

We rely on your generous donations each year and if you are thinking of buying a gift for someone you love for Christmas and are able to buy an extra set for our guests it will make a huge difference. Please leave any gifts with the Vergers.

If you would like to join the team and fancy cooking, welcoming guests and sorting hospitality then please contact one of the team leaders on [nptryner@gmail.com](mailto:nptryner@gmail.com).

## **CHRISTMAS TREES SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS**

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We are very grateful to the Friends of Southwark Cathedral for sponsoring the Christmas trees in the Cathedral.

We are always looking for new Friends – you can find out more by visiting [our website](#), using the QR code or contacting Kate Dean: [kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:kate.dean@southwark.anglican.org)

## **ADVENT COURSE: WOMEN OF THE NATIVITY**

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Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our Advent course this year. We hope that you found it to be a helpful and thought-provoking experience. Do let one of the clergy have any comments and we very much hope to see you at our Lent course next year.

## **MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED**

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Money counter volunteers help with the financial administration of Southwark Cathedral by counting, detailing and logging monies from each service/collection. The money counters meet every fortnight, usually on a Wednesday, but this can be weekly at busy times like Christmas. Minimum commitment is three months.

For further information please contact the Volunteer Officer Sharda Rozena on 020 737 6739 or email [Sharda.Rozena@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:Sharda.Rozena@southwark.anglican.org).

## **MAKING A RULE OF LIFE**

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**SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025, 9.45AM**

At the beginning of a new year, the Dean will offer some thoughts about how we might make a simple Rule of Life as Christians, giving some shape to the way we live out our faith.

## **THE BLESSING OF THE RIVER THAMES**

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**SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025, 12.15PM**

Join us and our friends from St Magnus the Martyr on London Bridge as we bless the River Thames and all those who live and work on and by it.

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## **PRAYER LIST**

### **THE SICK**

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Norma AW, Diane P, John P, Anne S, Tim D, June B, Pamela H, Helen L, Debbie W, Zak, +Christopher, Vincent M, Alan BF, Baby Benjamin, Alan H, Pippa R, Eddie L, Simon G, Lizzie G, Susan S, Tom, Rose, Helen S, Roxanne W, Pam M, Jean P, John R, Elizabeth H, Sally P, Maurice D, Amanda E, Dinah K, Sarah R, David H

### **THE DEPARTED**

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Evelyn Warwick, Jane, Debbie Simmons, Patricia Nebbia, Tim Goad

### **YEAR'S MIND**

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Jean Tryner, John Preston Coleman, Ivy Bowles, Lynn Briers, Ron Briggs, Gladys Causer, Jill Harrison, Ruth Grater, Rupert Wilkinson

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# SOUTHWARK

## ◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**making space for love**  
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames, in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie ('over-the-river'). With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation, the Priory became a parish church, and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the Cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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