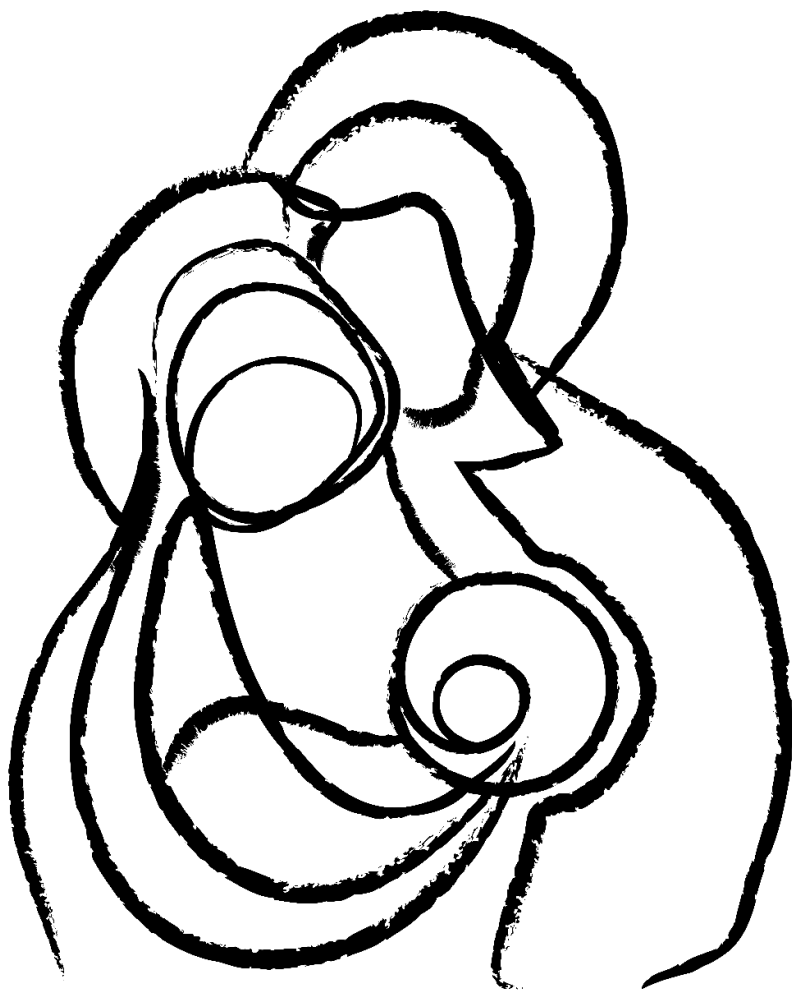


SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆



◆ THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS ◆

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2025

10.00PM

LIVESTREAMING

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Cash donations may be placed in the baskets brought around by the stewards.

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A MEMBER OF THE



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PHOTOGRAPHY

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The world is a fragile and precarious place at the moment. Many are living through the traumas of warfare, starvation, bereavement, and displacement. Others are finding the speed of change in society, as well as its inequalities, an unwelcome challenge to their identity and sense of belonging. At such times the temptation is to listen to those who offer simplistic solutions and scapegoat blame onto various vulnerable groups.

What does Christmas have to offer such a time of anxiety, frustration, and menace?

Christians believe that in the Christmas story - in the carols, readings and prayers - we are offered a different lens through which to look at the world. We encounter necessary truths for the human heart - caught up in a story of a couple seeking refuge, a new life coming into being, and people from different backgrounds drawn together by joy and kindness. The simplicity of the story, its belief that the earth is made for peace and friendship, not competition and hate, feels like a homecoming and a better compass from which we might navigate life. It is like a star in a dark night that wants to take us on a journey.

Wherever you are in life, whatever your beliefs, politics, heritage, and whoever you love in your life, you are welcome to Southwark Cathedral to hear this story afresh. You are amongst friends here and we hope you will feel at home.

I pray that this Christmas will contain peace for you and those you love. I hope you will have time to attend to the things that matter most. I also wish you every possible happiness in the coming year. Please come and see us again soon.

Mark Oakley
Dean

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SETTING

Missa Sancti Nicolai

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Toccata in F, BWV 540i

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Holy Boy

John Ireland (1914-1992)

Before the service begins, a voice proclaims:

Welcome all wonders in one sight,
Eternity shut in a span.
Summer in winter, day in night,
heaven in earth and God in man.

Great little one,
whose all-embracing birth,
brings earth to heaven,
stoops heaven to earth.

Please stand to sing:

THE HYMN

NEH 29

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Glory to God! On earth be peace,
From heaven's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And we, at bitter war, hear not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise and end the strife,
To hear the angels sing!

For, lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

TUNE: NOEL

Traditional English melody
adapted by Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

TEXT:

Edmund Sears
(1810-1876)

THE GATHERING

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 Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

The Bishop says:

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray
that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son, born of the
Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

The Bishop faces the Crib.

God our Father,
on this night your Son Jesus Christ
was born of the Virgin Mary for us
and for our salvation.
Bless this crib,
which has been prepared to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be strengthened in faith
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Bishop sprinkles and censes the Crib.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

God our Father,
You send your Son, full of grace and truth:
Forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
born in poverty and laid in a manger:
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

Spirit of love,
Your servant, Mary, responded joyfully to your call:
Forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated when the Bishop sits. The Choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

Please stand.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration
that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God,
who made this holy night to shine
with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation
of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory:
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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52.7-10

Read by Rachel Fleming

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to folk on earth
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

TUNE: FOREST GREEN

English traditional melody
Harmony by R. Vaughan Williams (1872-
1958)

TEXT:

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) altd.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1.1-12

Read by Kristin Ruby, Cathedral Warden

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

'You are my Son;

today I have begotten you'?

Or again,

'I will be his Father,

and he will be my Son'?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

'Let all God's angels worship him.'

Of the angels he says,

'He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.'
But of the Son he says,
'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,
and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'
And,
'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will never end.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us
and we have seen his glory.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 1.1-14

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

**The Bishop of Southwark
The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun**

Please stand.

THE CREED

**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

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 **Maggie Still***

This response is used

Jesus, Saviour,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Glory to you for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

This holy night the angels sang
'Glory to God in the highest heaven
And on earth peace to all in whom he delights.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All 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 30

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of Angels:

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:

Refrain

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Refrain

Lo, star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts' oblations:

Refrain

Child, for us sinners,
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the Highest:

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES

Plainchant, arr. J. F. Wade (1711-1786)
& David Willcocks (1919-2015)

TEXT:

Latin, tr. Frederick Oakley
(1802-1880)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
 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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and on this night was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful 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 Bishop continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

All	Our Father in heaven,	Baba wa...
	hallowed be your name,	Notre Père...
	your kingdom come,	天におられる私たちの父よ...
	your will be done,	Nna anyi...
	on earth as in heaven.	Fader vår...
	Give us today our daily	Pai nosso...
	bread,	हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता...
	Forgive us our sins	Padre 21uestro...
	as we forgive those who sin	我們在天上的父...
	against us.	Отче наш...
	Lead us not into temptation	하늘에 계신 우리 아버지...
	but deliver us from evil.	Πάτερ ἡμῶν...
	For the kingdom, the power,	اے ہمارے باپ
	and the glory are yours	
	now and for ever.	
	Amen.	

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life
And that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,**
 light in the midst of us,
 bring us to light and life.

Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

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. Receiving

Communion in one kind is still receiving Communion in full. 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 come forward for a blessing.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:

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.

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 ANTHEMS

My Lord has come • Will Todd (b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels;
no place for them but a stable,
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me,
love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him,
sages and shepherds and angels;
no place for me but a stable,
My Lord has come.

Sussex Carol • Traditional arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!"

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

**All 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.**

**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.**

THE BLESSING

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
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

NEH 26

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem:
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth:
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

TUNE: MENDELSSOHN

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
(1809-1847)

TEXT:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God.

VOLUNTARY

**Dieu parmi nous from La Nativité du Seigneur
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)**

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WORSHIP IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am

Morning Prayer*

9.00am

Eucharist with Carols

9.30am

Quiet Christmas Day Communion
at St Hugh's

11.00am

Choral Eucharist*

1.00pm

Cathedral closes

FRIDAY 26 &
SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER
STEPHEN
JOHN

9.00am

Morning Prayer*

9.30am

Eucharist

4.00pm

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER
THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8.30am

Morning Prayer*

9.00am

Eucharist

9.30am

Eucharist at St Hugh's

11.00am

Eucharist with Hymns*

3.00pm

Evening Prayer with Hymns

6.00pm

Compline[†]

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER
& TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER

9.00am

Morning Prayer*

9.30am

Eucharist

4.00pm

Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 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

◆ COMING UP IN JANUARY ◆

Epiphany: 4 January, 9.00am, 11.00am, 3.00pm

Join the Cathedral as we celebrate the coming of the Magi at Epiphany during our 9.00am Eucharist, 11.00am Choral Eucharist and 3.00pm Evensong.

Blessing of the River: 11 January, 12.30pm

After the 11.00am Choral Eucharist we will process to London Bridge and join St Magnus the Martyr for this annual medieval tradition of blessing the river. The service lasts approximately twenty minutes.

Evensong with Installation of the Archdeacon of Reigate: 11 January, 3.00pm

At 3.00pm, Choral Evensong will include the installation of the Rev'd Geoff Dumbreck as the Archdeacon of Reigate.

La Nativité du Seigneur: a Christmas organ meditation: 11 January, 4.30pm

Following Evensong, join Kathryn Fleming and Simon Hogan for an atmospheric performance of Olivier Messiaen's iconic masterpiece, interspersed with readings and reflections from the Canon Precentor.

Beyond the Stable Epiphany Carol Service: 18 January, 6.00pm

Join us for our Epiphany Carol service: *Beyond the Stable*, a service of carols and readings for Epiphany, featuring music from the Cathedral Choir and Merbecke Choir.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Evensong at St George's Cathedral, 25 January, 4.30pm

Come along to our joint Evensong with the combined cathedral choirs of Southwark Cathedral and St George's RC Cathedral at St George's Cathedral.

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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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