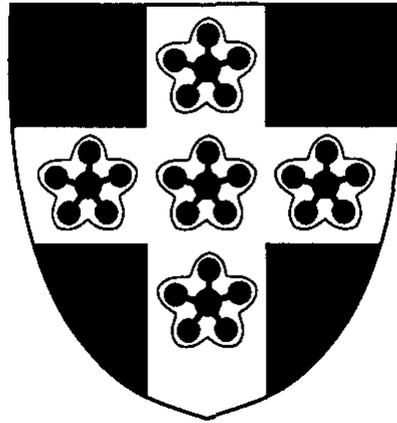


Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi
St Davids Cathedral



11.00pm, 24th December
2020

First Eucharist of Christmas
Offeren Cyntaf y Nadolig

WELCOME

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew & St David. Worship has been offered to God daily on this site for over a thousand years.

The service is sung by the Cathedral Choir

MUSIC AT THIS SERVICE

Preservice organ music: Chorale preludes from Orgelbüchlein J. S. Bach

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn bwv 601

Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott bwv 602

Puer natus in Bethlehem bwv 60

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ bwv 604

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich bwv 605

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her bwv 606

Mass setting: Missa ad praesepe *Malcolm*

Anthem: No small wonder *Edwards*

Voluntary: Sortie sur 'Venez Divin Messie'

Originally improvised by Pierre Cochereau

Played by Simon Pearce

The hymns are reproduced under CCLI Licence No. 26818

We welcome all pilgrims and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ.

Worship has been offered to God daily on this site for over a thousand years.

Today you are part of a congregation from all over the world.

Though we do not know each other, we are fellow members of the worldwide church.



A hearing loop is installed in the Nave – please switch your hearing aid to the T position

A larger print version of this leaflet is available – please ask

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

The choir sings the introit from the north transept

Dean: 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.

The baby is placed in the manger and the Crib blessed

The Choir sing

O ddinas fechan Bethlehem,
Mor dawel gwelir di,
Mewn hun mor bêr o dan y sêr
Sy'n distaw deithio fry;
Yn dy heolydd tywyll di
Y mae Goleuni'r byd,
Ac ynot ti mae'n gobaith ni
A'n hofnau oll ynghyd.

O sêr y bore, tystiwch chwi
Am eni'r sanctaidd Un,
A molwch ef, etifedd nef,
A bydded hedd i ddyn;
Fe aned Crist o'r Forwyn Fair,
A'r byd yn cysgu'n drwm,
Ond engyl lu sy'n gwylio'n gu
Y Mab mewn preseb llwm.

2. Yn dawel iawn a distaw daw
I'r byd y ryfedd rodd;
Fel hyn rhydd Duw i ddynol-ryw
Fendithion nef o'i fodd;
Ni chlywir ei ddyfodiad ef;
Er amled beiau'r byd,
Calonnau gwir rydd groeso clir
I'r Ceidwad mwyn o hyd.

O sanctaidd blentyn Bethlehem,
Tyrd atom, gwranddo ni,
Trig di'r awr hon o dan y fron,
Ein Brenin ydwyt ti;
Fe seinia côr yr engyl glân
Eu carol yn ein clyw,
Tyrd atom ni ac aros di,
Emanwel, ein Duw.

The Dean welcomes and introduces the service.

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

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.
No secrets are hidden from you;
Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit,
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All Kneel whilst the choir sing Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.	<i>Kyrie, Eleison</i>
Christ, have mercy.	<i>Christe, Eleison</i>
Lord, have mercy.	<i>Kyrie, Eleison</i>

Silence

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.
We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God,
Who forgives all who truly repent,
Have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
Strengthen you in goodness
And keep you in eternal life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Choir sing the Gloria

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 coelestis, 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 nostrum. 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 peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

All remain standing for The Collect for Christmas

Let us pray.

ETERNAL GOD, who made this most 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; 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.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

All sit for the Old Testament lesson read by Chris Limbert

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.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for the New Testament lesson read by Christa Richardson

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 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. 3 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, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Son Is Superior to Angels 5 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"? 6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." 8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." 10 And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; 12 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."

Mewn llawer dull a llawer modd y llefarodd Duw gynt wrth yr hynafiaid trwy'r proffwydi, ond yn y dyddiau olaf hyn llefarodd wrthym ni mewn Mab. Hwn yw'r un a

benododd Duw yn etifedd pob peth, a'r un y gwnaeth y bydysawd drwyddo. Ef yw disgleirdeb gogoniant Duw, ac y mae stamp ei sylwedd ef arno; ac y mae'n cynnal pob peth â'i air nerthol. Ar ôl iddo gyflawni puredigaeth pechodau, eisteddodd ar ddeheulaw'r Mawrhydi yn yr uchelder, wedi dyfod gymaint yn uwch na'r angylion ag y mae'r enw a etifeddodd yn rhagorach na'r eiddynt hwy. Oherwydd wrth bwy o'r angylion y dywedodd Duw erioed: "Fy Mab wyt ti, myfi a'th genhedlodd di heddiw"? Ac eto: "Byddaf fi yn dad iddo ef, a bydd yntau yn fab i mi." A thrachefn, pan yw'n dod â'i gyntafanedig i mewn i'r byd, y mae'n dweud: "A bydded i holl angylion Duw ei addoli." Am yr angylion y mae'n dweud: "Yr hwn sy'n gwneud ei angylion yn wyntoedd, a'i weinidogion yn fflam dân"; ond am y Mab: "Y mae dy orsedd di, O Dduw, yn dragwyddol, a gwialen dy deyrnas di yw gwialen uniondeb. Ceraist gyfiawnder a chasáu anghyfraith. Am hynny, O Dduw, y mae dy Dduw di wedi dy eneinio ag olew gorfoledd, uwchlaw dy gymheiriaid." Y mae hefyd yn dweud: "Ti, yn y dechrau, Arglwydd, a osodaist sylfeini'r ddaear, a gwaith dy ddwylo di yw'r nefoedd. Fe ddarfyddant hwy, ond yr wyt ti'n aros; ânt hwy i gyd yn hen fel dilledyn; plygi hwy fel plygu mantell, a newidir hwy fel newid dilledyn; ond tydi, yr un ydwyt, ac ar dy flynyddoedd ni bydd diwedd."

Heb 1:1-12

**Dyma air yr Arglwydd/ This is the word of the Lord.
Diolch a fo i Dduw/ Thanks be to God.**

Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that Mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little Child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall:
 With the poor and mean and lowly,
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3 And through all his wondrous childhood
 Day by day like us he grew,
 He was little, weak and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us he knew;
 And he feeleth for our sadness,
 And he shareth in our gladness.

4 And our eyes at last shall see him
 Through his own redeeming love,
 For that Child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heaven above:
 And he leads his children on
 To the place where he is gone.

5 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
When like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

All Stand for the Gospel, read by the Sub-Dean

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Saint John
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.

St John 1. 1-14

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

All sit for the sermon by The Right Reverend Dr Joanna Penberthy, Bishop of St Davids

AN AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH

All stand

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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 INTERCESSIONS

All kneel

After each bidding

God of Grace,
We behold your Glory.

After the final bidding

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

This prayer may follow

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand

The following sentence is used

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to shine on those who live in darkness, under the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always;
And also with you.

A socially distanced sign of peace may be exchanged.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King"*

The president of the Eucharist continues

THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread, we take this wine
to follow Christ's example and obey his command.**

All
The Lord be with you; and al - so with you.

All
Lift up your hearts; We lift them to the Lord.

All
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God; It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks, holy Father,
all-powerful and everliving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He is the Word made flesh.
Through him you give to the eye of faith
A new vision of your glory;
You reveal your perfect love,
And invite us to love and worship you,
The unseen God.

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

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus

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

All kneel

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, Giver of life.
You formed us in your own image;
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.
We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life;
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,
and you raised him from the dead
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given 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 when he had given thanks
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink from 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.
Proclaiming his victorious death,
rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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 COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ;
Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in one bread.

The choir sings Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes 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.**

All kneel

THE DISMISSAL OF THE PEOPLE

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:
His love is everlasting.

**We thank you, Father, for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son in this holy sacrament,
through which we are assured of the hope of eternal life.
We offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.
Keep us in the fellowship of his body, the Church,
and send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE BLESSING

Christ, who by taking our flesh, gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the Name of Christ. Amen.

All stand and sing the recessional hymn

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:

*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:

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

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