



NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL



Eucharist

The Annunciation

Tuesday 25th March 2025, 6.00pm
President: The Very Reverend Lee Batson, The Dean
Preacher: Katherine Govier, Cathedral Reader

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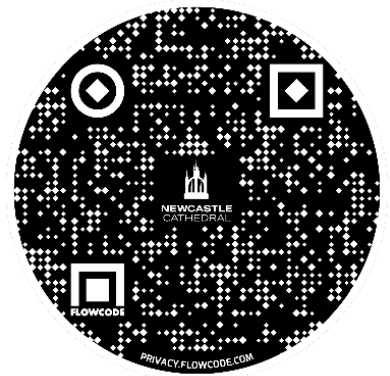
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Director of Music:

Assistant Director of Music:

Organ Scholar:

Ian Roberts
Kris Thomsett
James Watson

The Mass Setting is
Darke in E

Harold Darke (1888 - 1976)

Order of Service

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand, as you are comfortable, to sing the opening hymn during which the procession enters



**For Mary, Mother of our 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 as 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.**

John Raphael Peacey (1896–1971)

Tune: NEH 385

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer is said.

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says:

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the
Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president says this Absolution.

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria is sung by the Choir.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people
of good will.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam:

*We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you
for your great glory:*

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.

*Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ: Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you who sit at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu
Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For you alone are holy,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
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.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7.10-14

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 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.

Hebrews 10.4-10

This is the word of the Lord.

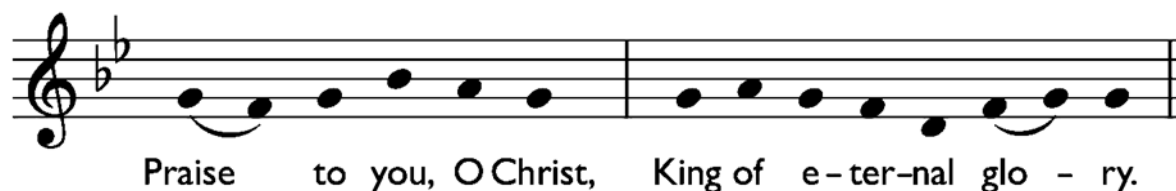
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Please stand, as you are comfortable, to face the Gospel.

This acclamation is sung.

First time: Choir; Second time: All; After sentence: All.



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

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

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



All **Glo-ry to you, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A sermon is preached.

The Creed

Please stand, as comfortable, to say The Nicene 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers

On this day the Father made our salvation known to Mary
by the message of an angel.
Filled with confidence, let us pray.

Kneel or sit to pray.

This response is used

	Lord, in your mercy	(or)	Lord hear us.
<i>All</i>	hear our prayer.	<i>All</i>	Lord graciously hear us.

The prayers end with

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, as you are comfortable.

The president introduces the Peace.

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

The deacon invites all to exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

*The Offertory hymn is sung as the altar is prepared.
During the hymn a collection is taken.*



**Sing we of the blessèd 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.**

George Bourne Timms (1910-1997)

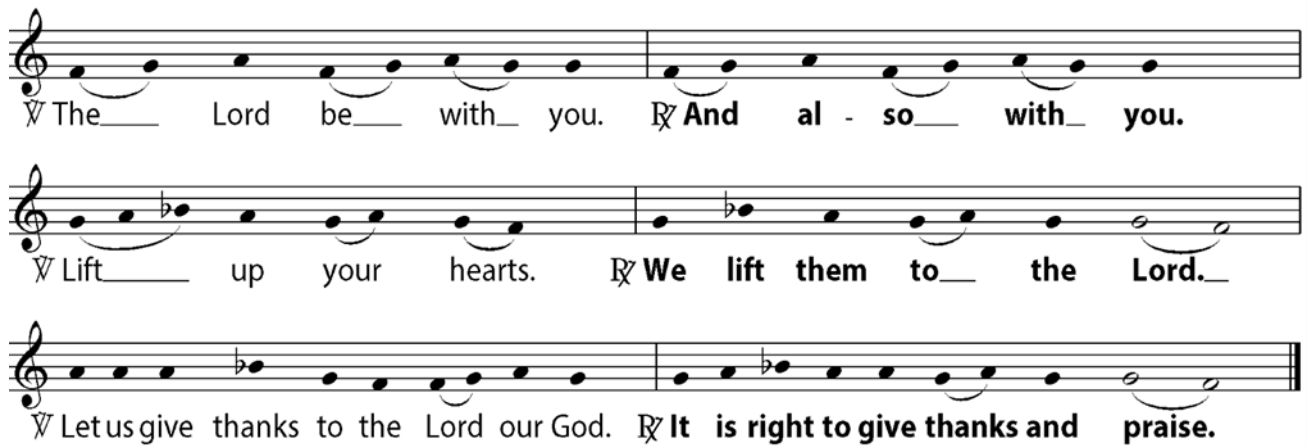
Tune: NEH 185

The president says this offertory prayer.

Almighty God,
so fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may accept your holy will
and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer



It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We give you thanks and praise
that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.

From the warmth of her womb
to the stillness of the grave
he shared our life in human form.
In him new light has dawned upon the world
and you have become one with us
that we might become one with you
in your glorious kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

The choir sings:

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

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

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.

The deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith:

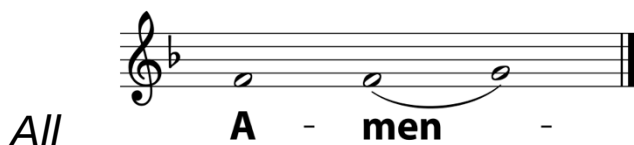
All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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,
St Nicholas 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.



Please kneel or sit.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says this invitation to communion.

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

The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken and the ministers receive communion.

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

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

All who normally receive the bread and wine in any church are welcome to take Holy Communion here today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head and keep your hands at your sides when you come, to signal your intention. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask if you require one. When receiving the wine, please drink from the cup. During the distribution, the choir sings the following, otherwise, silence is kept.

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Regina caeli, dulcis et pia, O Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, ut cum electis te videamus.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Queen of heaven, sweet and pious, O Mother of God, pray for us sinners, that we may see you with the chosen.

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611) after St Luke 1: 28, 42

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said.

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All say the following prayer.

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand, as you are comfortable, to sing the hymn.



**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Tune: NEH 186

The president uses this blessing.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
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 deacon says

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

All **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

And we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,

All **full of grace and truth.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

from John 1

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The ministers depart.

You are then invited to sit for the duration of the organ voluntary.

Thank you for joining us in worship.

If you are new, or a visitor, we hope that we will see you again soon.

The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse
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