



NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL



Sung Eucharist
For our Harvest Festival
'Together, we are the Family of God'

Sunday 19th October 2025, 10.00am
President: The Rev'd Canon Zoe Heming
Preacher: The Very Rev'd Lee Batson

Welcome

A warm welcome to worship at Newcastle Cathedral. If you are new, or a visitor today, please make yourself known to one of the clergy after the service – it is a joy to have you with us today.

A large print copy of this service sheet is available; please ask one of our welcome team at the door.

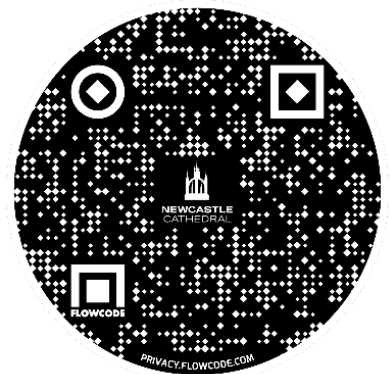
Please refrain from taking photographs during the service. Toilets are available at the far end of the Cathedral; please ask one of our welcomers if you need directions, and take care to move quietly when passing the organ loft.

During worship we are invited to sit or stand. This is only an invitation. Please move or stay seated as works best for you as we worship God together.

Please join in with the words in bold type, if you would like to.

Giving to Newcastle Cathedral

The Cathedral needs and appreciates your financial support. A collection plate will be passed around during the service into which you can give cash or pay by card. Please give as generously as you are able. Gift Aid envelopes are available from the welcomers by the door. If you prefer, you can make a one-off donation, or to find out how to give regularly, simply scan this QR code.



Music

Director of Music:

Assistant Director of Music:

Organ Scholar:

Ian Roberts

Kris Thomsett

James Watson

The Mass setting is Little Organ Mass

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)

Before the service, the organist plays:

Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Heir BWV 731

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WERS – West End Refugee Service

Since 1999, WERS has been working at the forefront of tackling poverty, isolation, and prejudice in Newcastle and the North East of England – meeting urgent needs while advocating for lasting, systemic change. Their services empower individuals, strengthen resilience and equip people with the tools they need to build a brighter future.

From Sunday 28 September until today, Newcastle Cathedral has hosted a donation point in support of West End Refugee Service (WERS). Some of these items will be offered as part of our Harvest Festival this morning.

Every item given will make a real and practical difference to individuals and families facing challenging times.

The artwork included in the order of service

The artwork included in this order of service today has been created by people seeking asylum and refugee members of our congregation, inspired by the Cathedral and the natural world. This has been created in collaboration with artist Rory Williams as part of a project supported by Newcastle City Council's Arts Development Team.



Order of Service

The Gathering

*Please stand, as comfortable, to sing the first hymn during which
the choirs and ministers enter*



**For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while all are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**



**For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Francis Jackson (b 1917)

The Greeting

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

Please sit.

Words of welcome or introduction are said. Notices are given.

We say sorry

The deacon says:

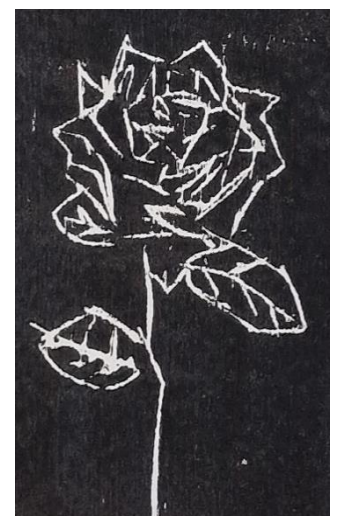
Let us call to mind our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us

In a dark and hurting world
we have not held out the light of life:

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:

All Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.



In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of Love bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand, as comfortable, as 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

We pray the special prayer for the day.

Let us pray

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Readings

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Psalm 100,
read in English and Farsi.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians
Read in English and Igbo

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

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4: 4-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Please stand, as comfortable, to face the Gospel.

Before it is read, we sing:

Choir



All



Choir

Lift up your eyes,
and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life. **R**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6: 25-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Talk

We listen to a talk.

The Creed

Please stand, as comfortable, to say The Creed.

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**



cf Ephesians 3

Please sit.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers today will use the handprints you were given as you came into the service. Some of our children and young people will help to create a representation of our Church Family using these handprints and will lead us in our prayers.



Please use this response during the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our Prayer

And this final response:

God of mercy,
**All you know us and love us,
and hear our prayer:
make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, as comfortable.

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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

The deacon invites us to exchange a sign of peace with those nearby.

This is usually done by shaking hands as we say, 'Peace be with you' to one another.

Preparation of the Table

This hymn is sung as the altar is prepared.

During the hymn a collection is taken towards the work of the Cathedral, and items collected for the West End Refugee Service are brought up to the front to be blessed.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves. The first staff contains the first line of the melody. The second staff includes a bracket labeled 'To next verse' and another bracket labeled 'To refrain'. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com-pass - ion we pray! Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come change our love from a spark to a flame.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some rests and ties.

**Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair:
Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children - justice, joy, peace.
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!**

**Shelter for fragile lives. Cures for their ills.
Work for the craftsman. Trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed. Rights for the weak.
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.**

***God of the poor, friend of the weak
give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts. Let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.***

Refuge from cruel wars; havens from fear.
Cities for sanctuary. Freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing-fields - scorched earth to green.
Christ for the bitterness. His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams -
Plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed.
Make us content with the things that we need.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts. Let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love,
from a spark to a flame.*

Lighten our darkness. Breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts. Let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love,
from a spark to a flame.*

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

We remain standing, as comfortable, as this prayer is said.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

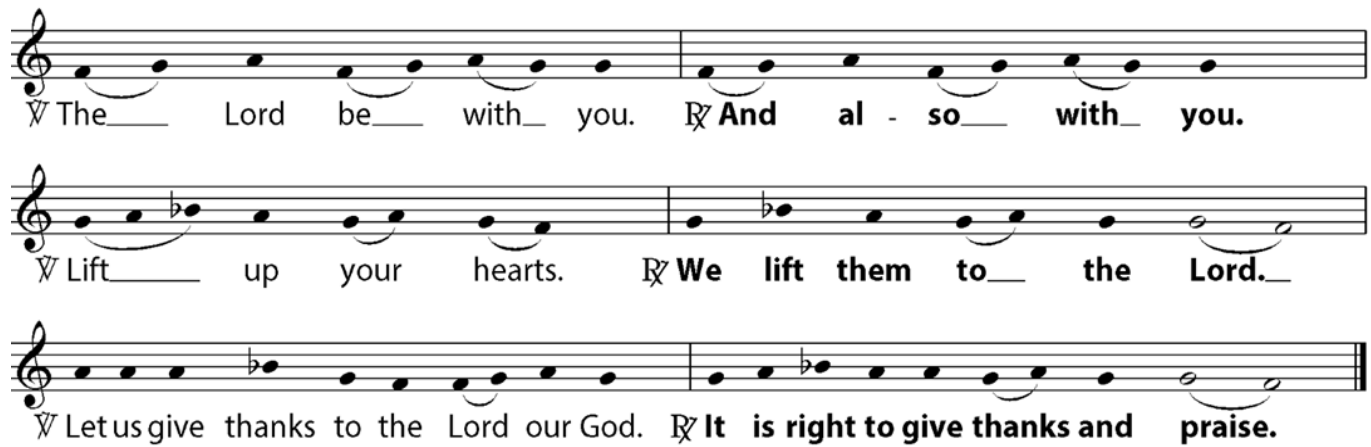
All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.



The Eucharistic Prayer



Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

The choir sings:

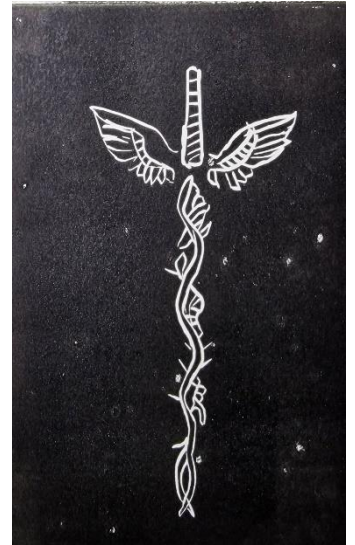
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.



On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

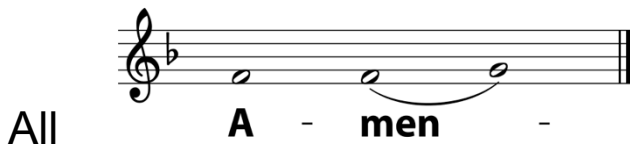
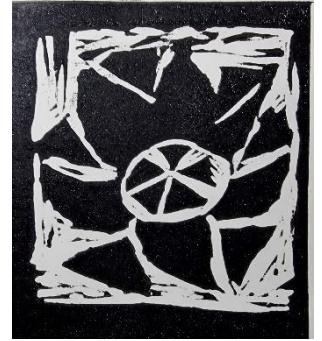
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Nicholas and all your saints,
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.



Please kneel or sit.

The Lord's Prayer

As we join with the Universal Church, so we pray each in our own language or form, as our Saviour taught us:

**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

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

We are invited to receive the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

The Agnus Dei is sung by the choir as the bread is broken, and we 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.*



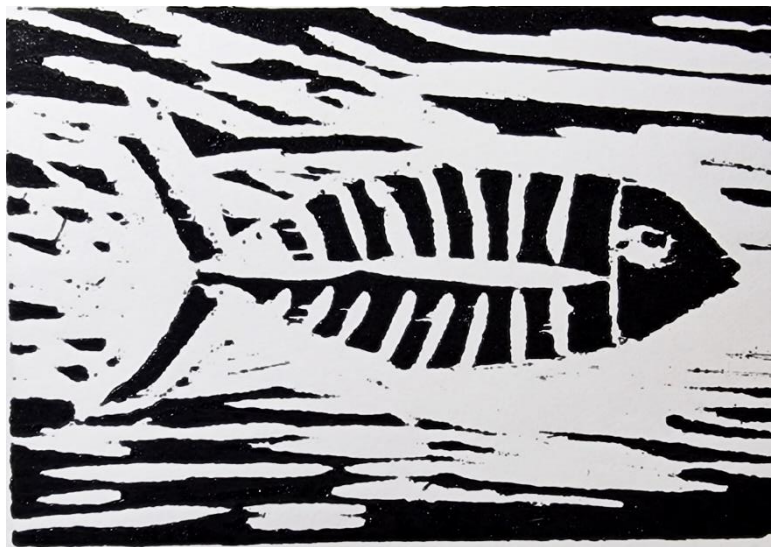
All who normally receive the bread and wine in any church are welcome to take Holy Communion here today.

Please follow the directions of the Wardens and stewards. 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.

If you need to receive communion in your seat, please make this known to the Wardens or stewards.

Gluten free wafers are available; please ask if you require one. If receiving the wine, please drink from the cup.

Receiving only the bread represents receiving both bread and wine, if you would rather not drink the wine.



During the distribution, the choir leads the following congregational hymn, otherwise, silence is kept.



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

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I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
in thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
in thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

Anonymous



*Once the distribution has finished, **The Probationer Choristers, and members of the Training Choir sing***

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me save that thou art
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with me, Lord
Be thou my great father and I thy true son
Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart
O Sovereign of Heaven my treasure thou art
Great heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be thou my vision
Still be thou my vision
Be thou my vision
O Ruler of All

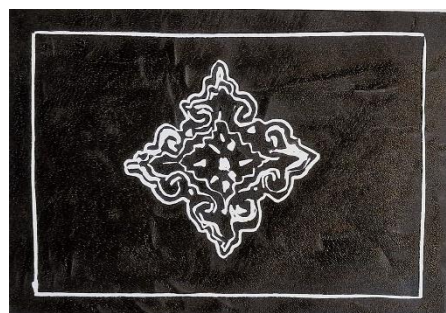
Tr: Mary Byrne 1880-1931 Irish, c.8th century Bob Chilcott (b 1955)

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said.

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



The Dismissal

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



**Be in our midst, and gather us together,
and let your loving-kindness be our guide;
help us discern your image in each other,
and walk with humble footsteps by your side.
Send us to work, O Lord, Almighty Giver,
till all who thirst and hunger now are filled;
let justice thunder like a mighty river,
that every storm of strife and conflict may be stilled.**

**When all the world's great sorrows overtake us,
and we are crushed by centuries of pain,
grant us your strength, and lovingly remake us
that by your grace we may be whole again.
And when the sins of passing generations
make all the wounds of history still feel raw,
send out your healing power among the nations,
and fill this broken earth with heaven's peace once more.**

**Grant us that peace beyond the mind's discerning;
help us to live the truth that sets us free.
And may the Spirit's fire within us burning
help us become who we are called to be.
In eager longing for your new creation,
a world reshaped by love and hope and grace,
with Christ the Prince of Peace as our foundation,
we'll build your kingdom now, in this and every place.**

Ally Barrett (1975)

NEH258 Irish Melody

We remain standing, as comfortable

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

This blessing is prayed.

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness; 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:

Freely you have received, freely give.
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.

Sinfonia to Cantata 29

J.S Bach, Arr. Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

This order of service is printed on recycled paper. You are warmly invited to take it home with you.

If you are able, please join us now for refreshments. And all are welcome to stay for the congregational meeting – a chance to hear about life in the wider Cathedral, find out how you can get involved, and how we can get to know one another better.

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

Thank you to all who sang in our choirs and helped to lead our worship this morning.





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