



NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL



Eucharist
The Annunciation

25th March 2026, 6.00pm
President: The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Richard Whaite

Welcome

A warm welcome to worship at Newcastle Cathedral– it is a joy to have you with us today.

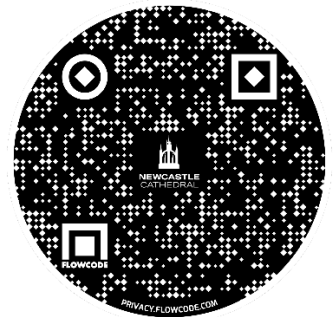
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During worship we are invited to sit or stand. This is only an invitation. Please move or stay seated as works best for you as we worship God together.

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Music

Director of Music:

Assistant Director of Music:

Organ Scholar:

Ian Roberts
Kris Thomsett
James Watson

The Mass Setting is
Messa in Gesolreut

Francesco Feroci (1673 - 1750)

Before the service, the organist plays:

Tierce en Taille from Suite de Deuxième Ton (pour le Magnificat)

Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)

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)

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.

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.

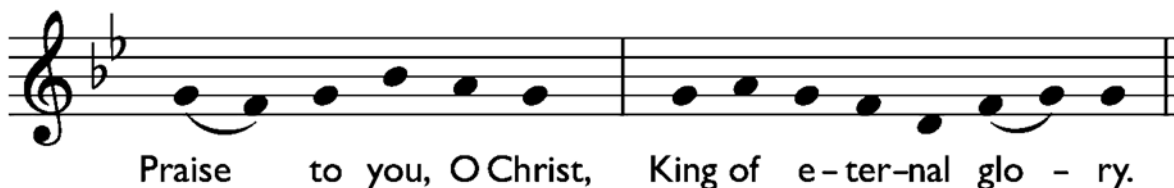
All **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Sermon

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

All Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord hear us.
hear our prayer. *All* **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.

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



**Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the vict'ry won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Blessèd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessèd was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessèd far the Mother
she who bare him in her womb.
Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name,
let the Church in her foreshadowed
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's Mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, full of grace**

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
 praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
 praise the everlasting Spirit,
 who hath made thee ark and throne;
 o'er all creatures high exalted,
 lowly praise the Three in One.
 Hail Mary, full of grace.**

*Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845 - 1929)
 NEH 188ii from a French paroissien*

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

♪ The Lord be with you. *℣* And al - so with you.
 ♪ Lift up your hearts. *℣* We lift them to the Lord.
 ♪ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *℣* It is right to give thanks and praise.

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

The deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

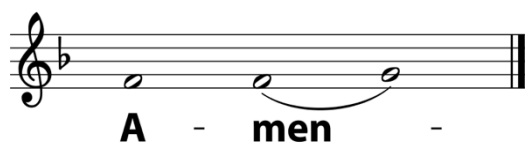
Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St Nicholas and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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 by the choir.

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 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 stewards. Please also feel free to remain in your seat during this time.

*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.

Angelus ad virginem subintrans in
conclave,
Virginis formidinem de mulces
inquit, "Ave!
Ave, regina virginum; coeli
terraeque Dominum
Concipies et paries intacta
salutem hominum;
Tu porta coeli facta, medela
criminum"

An angel came to The Virgin
slipping into her room
To calm the Virgin's fear, he said,
"Hail!
Hail, Queen Of Virgins; you will
conceive The Lord of Heaven and
Earth
You shalt concieve, and bear, still a
virgin, to be the salvation of men;
You will become the gate of heaven,
the cure of sins."

“Quomodo conciperem quae virum
non cognovi?

Qualiter infringerem quod
firmamente vovi?”

“Spiritus Sancti gratia perfici et
haec omnia;

Ne timeas, sed gaudeas, segura
Quod castimonia manebit inter
pura Dei potentia.”

Ad haec virgo nobilis respondet
inquit ei:

“Ancilla sum humilis omnipotentis
Dei.

Tibi coelesti nuntio, tanti secreti
conscio,

Consentiens, et cupiens videre
Factum quod audio; parata sum
parere, Dei consilio.”

Eia mater Domini, quae pacem
redidisti

Angelis et homini, cum Christum
genuisti;

Tuum ex ora filium ut se nobis
propitium

Exhibeat, et deleat, peccata:

Prestans auxilium vita frui beata

Post hoc exilium.

“How can I conceive, When I have
not known a man?

How can I break promises that I have
vowed with a determined mind?”

“The grace of the Holy Spirit shall do
all this.

Do not be afraid, but rejoice without
worry, for your chastity
Will remain in you unspoiled through
the power of God.”

So this, the noble Virgin, responded,
saying to him,

“I am a humble servant of Almighty
God.

To you, heavenly messenger, bearer
of this a great secret,

And consenting I long to see it.

I hear what will happen and will obey
God's intention.”

O Mother Of God you have restored
peace

To the angels and to men, with Christ
whom you will bear;

Your son shall speak out and show
himself benevolent to us

Revealing this, he will wipe away our
sins;

Giving support to enjoy a blessed life
after that exile.

Dublin Troper (ca. 1360)

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.

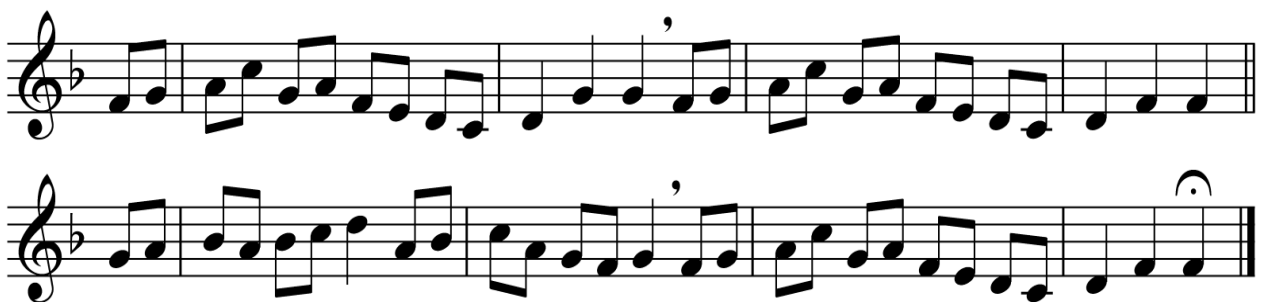
All Amen.

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.



**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be
known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or
scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world
around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in
me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my
name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps
show.**

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (b. 1958)

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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.

Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 547

JS Bach (1685-1750)

Thank you for joining us in worship.
You are warmly invited to take this Order of Service away with you,
which is printed on recycled paper.

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

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