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Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

20TH DECEMBER 2020 – ADVENT 4

TODAY'S SERVICES:

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

Introit: Bögöroditsye Dyevo, Arvo Pärt

Mass: Missa Super Dixit Maria

Psalm: 89. 1-8

Motet: Dixit Maria, Hassler

Preacher: The Precentor

ROMANS 16. 25-27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89. 1-9

R: The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord.

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations. I will declare that your love is established for ever; you have set your

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as
our Saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

faithfulness as firm as the heavens. **R:**
 For you said: 'I have made a covenant
 with my chosen one; I have sworn an
 oath to David my servant: "Your seed
 will I establish for ever and build up your
 throne for all generations."' **R:**
 The heavens praise your wonders, O
 Lord, and your faithfulness in the
 assembly of the holy ones; For who
 among the clouds can be compared to the
 Lord? Who is like the Lord among the
 host of heaven? **R:**
 A God feared in the council of the holy
 ones, great and terrible above all those
 round about him. Who is like you, Lord
 God of hosts? Mighty Lord, your
 faithfulness is all around you. **R:**

LUKE I. 26-38

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according
 to Saint Luke.

Glory 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Come, O come, Emmanuel,
 you are the way, the truth and the life;
 you are the true vine and living bread.
 Come, Christ our Saviour,
 come to the world which waits for you;
 who are alive and reign, now and for
 ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
 who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
 to be the mother of the promised Saviour:
 fill us your servants with your grace,
 that in all things we may embrace your
 holy will and with her rejoice in your
 salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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TODAY'S READINGS

2 SAMUEL 7. I-II, 16

Through the prophet Nathan God promises David that his royal house will be established for ever.

ROMANS 16. 25-27

Paul praises God, whose purposes have been revealed first in the prophetic writings and now in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

LUKE 1. 26-38

By the power of God's Holy Spirit the Virgin Mary will bear the long-awaited son of David, whose kingdom will be everlasting.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and observe social distancing regulations as we strive to keep everyone safe in church. When you have arrived in church please take your seat immediately and remain seated until the service begins as other people will be arriving and this will avoid congestion and unnecessary contact in the aisle. After the service please go outside the building to speak to friends etc.

Please wear a face covering when coming to church. Thank you.

If you have a SmartPhone and have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 app please check in using the QR Code. If you do this there is no need to fill in the Track and Trace form as well.

TRANSLATION OF CHOIR INTROIT AND MOTET FOR THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST:

Bögöroditsye Dyevo

*Virgin Mother of God, Hail Mary, full of
grace, the Lord is with you.*

*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb, for you gave birth to
the saviour of our souls.*

Dixit Maria

*Mary said to the angel: "See, I am the
handmaiden of the Lord: let it happen to me as
you have said (Luke 1. 38)*



Service Booklets. Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet here. The booklets are quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

Prayers. Please pray for the current situation with Covid 19 and for all those who suffer especially the anxious. Please pray too for the recovery and reconstruction of the Church both now and when this crisis is over. Pray for the renewal and growth of the Church in this place.

*God of Mission, who alone brings growth to
your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.*

*Help our Church to grow in numbers, in
spiritual commitment to you, and in service to
our local community, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

Christmas Services. Numbers will be limited for the Christmas services. Tickets are available today for those who have booked. Please pick them up at the back of the Cathedral. Some tickets for some services are still available, please let us know today if you would like any. Christmas Services are as follows:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

(4pm Christingle and Crib Service for the Parish Church – this will be a broadcast service NOT live)
7pm Service of Lessons & Carols (Livestreamed)
11.30pm Midnight Mass (Livestreamed)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11am Cathedral Eucharist (Livestreamed)

Envelopes. Giving envelopes for 2021 for the Cathedral are now available and can be found on the tables at the back of the Cathedral. If you give by envelopes please pick yours up. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

21st Monday – O Dayspring

9am Morning Prayer

22nd Tuesday – O King of the Nations

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
10am to 4pm Cathedral open for private prayer

23rd Wednesday – O Emmanuel

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

24th Thursday – Christmas Eve

9am Morning Prayer
4pm Christingle & Crib Service *This service will be broadcast on the Website*
7pm Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass

25th Friday – Christmas Day

8am Holy Eucharist
9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist

27th Sunday – John, Apostle & Evangelist

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist

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