

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

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THE ORDER FOR SUNG EUCHARIST DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

This service, and the other sung services during the week, are available online and we welcome all those both near and far joining our worship as it is live streamed at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln.Cathedral>

Any indications for sitting, kneeling or standing are given for guidance. If you need to sit at any point during the service, please feel free to do so.

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A few moments before the service is due to begin, the President welcomes the congregation and gives out any particular notices for the day. After this, all say the following prayer:

All **Most merciful God,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under
your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him,
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

After this prayer we keep silence together

The Gathering

*The choir sing the Introit, after which please stand to sing the **Processional Hymn** during which the clergy enter.*

GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

President Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The appropriate candles on the Advent Wreath are lit, and the president prays a prayer, ending

... we ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming
into our world.

All **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The President invites the people to confess their sins.

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Silence.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The choir sings the **Kyrie eleison:***

Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy.

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord

All **Amen.**

COLLECT

President Let us pray

*After silent prayer the president prays the Collect prayer for the day, which end
...one God, now and for ever.*

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

FIRST READING

At the end of which the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

A psalm is sung by the choir.

SECOND READING

At the end which the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

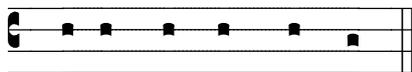
*Please see the weekly sheet for details of the **Gospel Acclamation.***

GOSPEL READING

Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

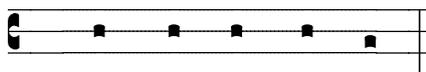
Gospeller Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *N.*



All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Sit

SERMON

After the sermon silence is kept for a few moments.

Stand

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

During these, the following, or similar, responses may be used.

Reader Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the intercessions the intercessor says a prayer or the following

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand

THE PEACE

The President introduces the Peace with this or another sentence.

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.

Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

*During the preparation of the table the congregation join in singing the **Offertory Hymn.***

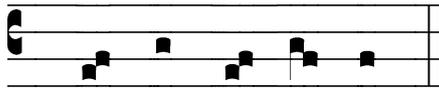
PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Let us pray.

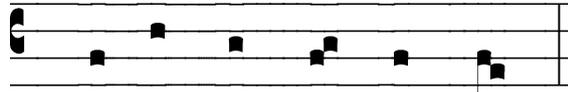
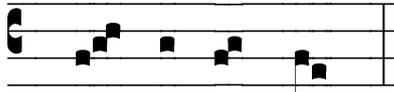
Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

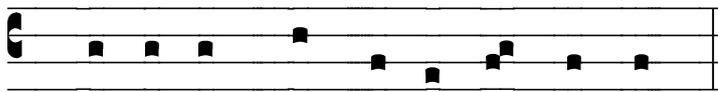
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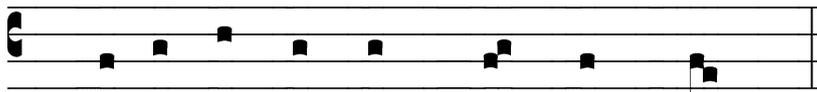
President The Lord be with you. *All* and al - so with you.



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



President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts,
and the choir sings the **Sanctus & Benedictus***

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit

Blessed is he that cometh

in nomine Domini.

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is sung

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, which ends
...for ever and ever.



All **A - men.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

All **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

President 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.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The President invites the people to receive 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.**

President If you are worshipping with us online, you are invited to make your spiritual communion, praying that by God's grace, united with all the baptised and with Christ who gave his life for us, you may be filled with his indwelling presence.

Act of Spiritual Reception to say at home:

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

*After receiving communion, the choir sings the **Agnus Dei***

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem.</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

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Further anthems may be sung during the distribution of communion.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

After a time of silence, all stand and the president prays the Post Communion, after which all join in praying:

We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

*The congregation join in singing the **Post-communion hymn.***

The Dismissal

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

President Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

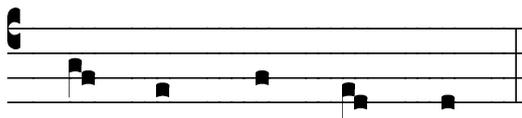
Gospeller Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the choir and ministers process out of St Hugh's Choir as the choir sings the **Advent Prose.** Please join in the refrain:*



Drop down, ye heavens, from a-bove, and let the skies



pour down righ-teous-ness.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

You are warmly invited to join us for coffee in the Chapter House. If you are a newcomer or visitor, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or stewards.

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