



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent: 22nd December 2024 and the coming week

Collect Prayer: 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.

7 45am **The Litany** in St Hugh's Choir

The Book of Common Prayer, or Common Worship (p. 115).

8am **Holy Communion** at the High Altar

The Book of Common Prayer, or Common Worship (p. 229).

9 30am **Mattins** in the Morning Chapel

The Book of Common Prayer, or Common Worship (p. 65).

10 30am **SUNG EUCHARIST** in St Hugh's Choir

President: The Rev'd Canon David Dadswell, Residentiary Canon

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Nick Brown, Precentor

The Order of Service begins on page 4 of this booklet.

12 30pm **Holy Communion (BCP)** at the Shrine of St Hugh

The Book of Common Prayer, or Common Worship (p. 229).

3 45pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** in St Hugh's Choir

The Order of Service can be found in the cream booklets in the stalls of St Hugh's Choir. Music and hymns as follow:

Responses: *Rose*

Office Hymn: NEH2, 'O Heavenly Word of God on High'

Psalm: 123

Canticles: Collegium Regale *Howells*

Anthem: A Spotless Rose *Howells*

Hymn: NEH9, 'Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending'

during which a collection will be taken.

7pm **'After hours': Sacred Space** throughout the Cathedral

Please take this booklet away with you, as a reminder of services and events that are taking place in the coming week.

NOTICES AND FUTURE DATES

Special Services in the coming weeks

Please see page 15 for details of special services in the coming weeks as we celebrate Christmas and journey through the Christmas and Epiphany seasons.

Collection for David Dadswell

David retires from his role as Diocesan Secretary, and alongside this as a residentiary Canon at Christmas. David has provided valuable continuity, appreciated pastoral care and leadership to our monthly evening worship. If you wish to make a contribution to a leaving collection/gift, please drop this in to the Vergers' Vestry.

Join our new Community Roll

If you feel a part of our Cathedral Community in any shape or form, and would like to stay in touch with us, please do join our Community Roll. Either use the QR code or pick up a paper form from the tables by St Hugh's Choir.



Confirmation Classes

Each Easter the Cathedral hosts a service of Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. If you have wondered about being Baptised and/or Confirmed, and would like to explore this further, do speak to Canon Rowena, as both adult and child confirmation classes will begin in the New Year. These classes are also an opportunity to explore the Christian faith even if you do not wish to be Confirmed at the end of the course. Adult conversations will be based around the "Confirmation Book for Adults" by Sharon Swain.

Who to go to for Pastoral Care and Safeguarding

- For Pastoral Care, please contact the Duty Chaplain, speak to the Canon-in-Residence, or contact the Pastoral Team via the Verger's Vestry. Messages can be left there for Ann Mazur (Co-Ordinator of Duty Chaplains) and Ian Taylor (Cathedral Reader) who lead the team, which is overseen by the Missioner. Home Communion can also be arranged by contacting Ann or Ian.
- For Safeguarding (where there are concerns for the safety or wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult), please contact the Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (see below for contact details).

Promoting a Safer Church

In an emergency, call the Police on 999

If you are reporting an allegation or concern but are unable to reach our Safeguarding Team or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the matter is urgent, please contact the police on 999 or 101. You can also come in person to Lincoln Cathedral and a member of our staff or volunteer team will ensure you are supported in accessing the support you require or help in reporting a concern.

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THE ORDER FOR SUNG EUCHARIST

WELCOME TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

This service, and the other sung services during the week, are available online and we welcome all those joining our worship as it is live streamed on the cathedral's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

We kindly request that you do not take photographs or make sound recordings during the service, or during the rehearsals beforehand.

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.

Any young people are more than welcome to join the Sunday School that meets during the Sung Eucharist. If you would like more information, please ask one of the Cathedral Stewards.

All baptised Christians who usually receive communion are invited to do so. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this service booklet as a signal to the priest.

You are warmly invited to join us for tea and coffee in the Chapter House after the service.

During the time before the service, you may wish to use the following prayer as you prepare for worship:

**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.**

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Canzona in D minor, BWV588 J.S. Bach

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The Gathering

INTROIT Rorate caeli desuper *Plainsong*

<i>Rorate coeli desuper, et nubes pluant</i>	Drop down dew, ye heavens, from
<i>iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet</i>	above, and let the clouds rain the Just:
<i>Salvatorem.</i>	let the earth be opened and bud forth a
<i>Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera</i>	Saviour. The heavens show forth the
<i>manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum</i>	glory of God: and the firmament
	declareth the work of his hands.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand to sing the hymn, during which the choir and ministers enter, and the altar is censed.

Ye who own the faith of Jesus (NEH 188ii)
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory 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.

Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.

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.

Words: V.S. Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)

Music: Melody 'from a French Paroissien', composer unidentified

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 president welcomes the congregation and the appropriate candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. The president prays, ending

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

All **Amen.**

The young people of the Sunday School receive a blessing and carry a Bible and Cross as they begin their time of learning and prayer. Any young visitors are welcome to join them – please follow them as they move from St Hugh's Choir to the Cloisters.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The president invites the congregation to confess their sins and then all pray

**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.

Setting: Missa Brevis Berkeley

The president gives the absolution, to which all respond

Amen.

COLLECT

The president introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays the Collect of the day, to which all respond

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

FIRST READING

MICAH 5.2-5A

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GRADUAL HYMN

**A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the Infant
With virgin-honour pure.**

(NEH 21)

***Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!'***

**The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high!
And Cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.**

Repeat the hymn again...

**While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
Ye oceans clap your hands.**

Repeat the hymn again...

**Since all he comes to ransom,
By all be he adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Saviour and the Lord.**

Repeat the hymn again...

**And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay.**

Repeat the hymn again...

*Words: Greek, St Germanus (634-734), tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) and others
Music: German Carol Melody, harmonised by M. Praetorius (1571-1621)*

Sit

SECOND READING **HEBREWS 10.5-10**

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

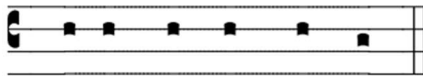
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING LUKE 1.39-55

Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

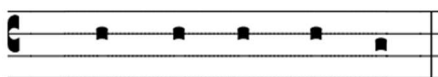
Gospeller Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.



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 The Rev'd Canon Nick Brown, Precentor

A brief period of silent reflection is kept.

Stand and turn to face east.

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

Kneel or sit once the prayers of intercession have been introduced.

During these, the following, or a similar, response may be used.

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.**

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

The president introduces the Peace and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let the People Praise thee, O God *Mathias*

Please remain seated until the thurifer approaches, at which point, please stand.

The text to this anthem is a rearrangement of Psalm 67 which may be found on p.425 of the black Book of Common Prayer in the stall in front of you.

During the anthem the table is prepared, gifts are offered, together with the prayer intentions made by those visiting the cathedral during the week. A collection to support the life work and ministry of the cathedral is taken and presented, and the altar is censed.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

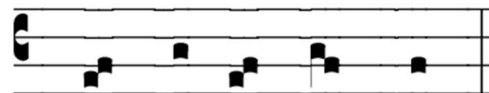
The president prays the prayer of preparation, at the end of which all respond

All **Amen.**

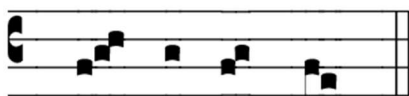
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



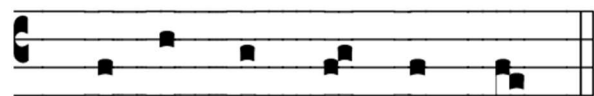
President The Lord be with you.



All **and al - so with you.**



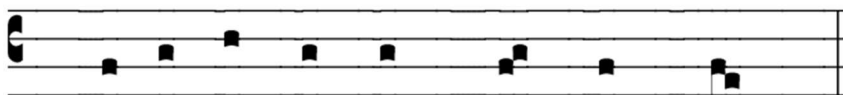
President Lift up your hearts.



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 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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

Sit

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.

All baptised Christians who usually receive communion are invited to do so. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this service booklet as a signal to the priest.

Those who wish to receive communion in both kinds are reminded that intinction (dipping an individual host into the wine) is not permitted in order to prevent the spread of infection, or contamination for those who are gluten intolerant. Also, please assist those administering the chalice by gently guiding the chalice to your lips and tilting it sufficiently.

ORGAN MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 *J.S. Bach*

AGNUS DEI

*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.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Setting: Missa Brevis Berkeley

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION Jesus Christ the Apple Tree *Poston*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The tree of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all: but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil.
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: Anon. collected by Joshua Smith, 1784

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*After a time of silence, all stand, and the president prays the post-communion prayer
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 president gives out any notices.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: (NEH186)
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.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024) based on Luke 1.46-55
Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

The Dismissal

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

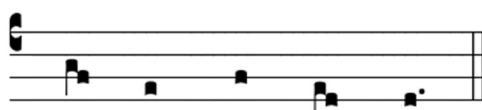
The president gives the blessing, to which all respond
Amen.

Gospeller Go in the 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 VOLUNTARY

Prelude and 'Wedge' Fugue in E minor, BWV 548 J.S. Bach
Please stand as the choir and ministers process out of St Hugh's Choir.



LINCOLN
CATHEDRAL

Christmas and Epiphany 2024/5

SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL



23rd and 24th December

Service of Lessons and Carols at
4pm

24th December

Midnight Mass at 11 30pm

25th December

Sung Eucharist, with orchestra
at 10 30am

Festal Evensong at 3 45pm



4th January

Choral Evensong on the Eve of
the Epiphany at 5 30pm
Organ Recital: Messiaen's 'La
Nativité' at 7pm

5th January

Sung Eucharist for the Feast of
the Epiphany at 10 30am
Festal Evensong at 3 45pm

19th January

Epiphany Carol Service
at 3 45pm

2nd February

Sung Eucharist for Candlemas
at 10 30am
Festal Evensong at 3 45pm

For full details of all other services and
events, please visit
www.lincolncathedral.com



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

Services for the week beginning
23rd December 2024



The cathedral is open all day for prayer and reflection, opening for the first service and closing after the last service.

Between the services, admission charges apply. Due to our Christmas services this week, admission times vary, please see our website for details. Part of the cathedral always remains freely accessible for prayer and reflection.

Services marked '†' include the use of incense.

Monday 23 rd December <i>O Emmanuel</i> In Residence: The Precentor	8am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	8 30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	12 30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	4pm	CAROL SERVICE Special order of service.	<i>Nave</i>
Tuesday 24 th December CHRISTMAS EVE	8am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	8 30am	Holy Communion	<i>Morning Chapel</i>
	12 30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	4pm	CAROL SERVICE Special order of service.	<i>Nave</i>
	11 30pm	†MIDNIGHT MASS Preacher <i>The Right Rev'd Stephen Conway, The Bishop</i> Special order of service, including: <i>Missa Brevis Dove</i>	<i>St Hugh's Choir and online</i>
Wednesday 25 th December CHRISTMAS DAY	7 45am	Litany (BCP)	<i>St Hugh's Choir</i>
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>High Altar</i>
	9 30am	Mattins (BCP)	<i>Morning Chapel</i>
	10 30am	†SUNG EUCHARIST Preacher <i>The Very Rev'd Dr Simon Jones, Dean</i> Special order of service, including: <i>Missa Cellensis Haydn</i>	<i>St Hugh's Choir and online</i>
	12 30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
3 45pm	†FESTAL EVENSONG <i>O Little One Sweet Bach</i> Reading responses <i>Brewer in D</i> Sans Day Carol <i>Rutter</i> Psalm 8 Benedicamus Domino <i>Warlock</i> Hymns 19ii and 33	<i>St Hugh's Choir and online</i>	
Thursday 26 th December <i>Stephen, Deacon, Protomartyr</i> In Residence: The Dean	9am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	9 30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	12 30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	4pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
Friday 27 th December <i>John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> In Residence: The Precentor	9am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	9 30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	12 30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	4pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
Saturday 28 th December <i>Holy Innocents</i> In Residence: The Dean	9am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	12 30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
	4pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
29th December FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	7 45am	Litany (BCP)	<i>St Hugh's Choir</i>
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>High Altar</i>
	9 30am	Mattins (BCP)	<i>Morning Chapel</i>
	10 30am	†SUNG EUCHARIST with organ Communion Service <i>Merbecke</i> (NEH542) Hymns 39, 22, 36 and 32 (omit*)	<i>St Hugh's Choir and online</i>
	12 30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>
3 45pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Hugh's Shrine</i>	

The Rev'd Canon Nick Brown, Precentor and Subdean
The Very Rev'd Dr Simon Jones, Dean

Mr Aric Prentice, Director of Music and Master of the Choristers
Mr Jeffrey Makinson, Organist and Asst Director of Music