

Lincoln Cathedral



Sung Eucharist

The Annunciation of
Our Lord to the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 25th March 2025
7.30pm

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.

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.

A collection will be taken during this service.

Your generosity enables God's praises to continue to be sung, and the cathedral to continue to be a place of peace and sanctuary.

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Before the service, silent reflection is kept. As you prepare for the service, you might like to use the following prayer:

**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

Chant de Paix Jean Langlais

The Gathering

INTROIT Rorate caeli desuper *Plainsong*

<i>Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant</i>	Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above,
<i>iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet</i>	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.

The Lord whom earth and sea and sky (NEH 181ii)
Adore and praise and magnify,
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.

And he whose will is ever done
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,
Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.

How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The very Word of God divine,
The maker of the earth and sky,
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest evermore, who brought to birth
The long-Desired of all the earth.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

*Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)
translated by J. M. Neale (1818-66) and editors
Music: melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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

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.

Setting: Missa sexti toni Croce

The president gives the absolution, after which all respond

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.*

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu 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.*

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory be to God on high,
in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for
thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: Missa sexti toni Croce

COLLECT

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

*All **Amen.***

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 7.10-14

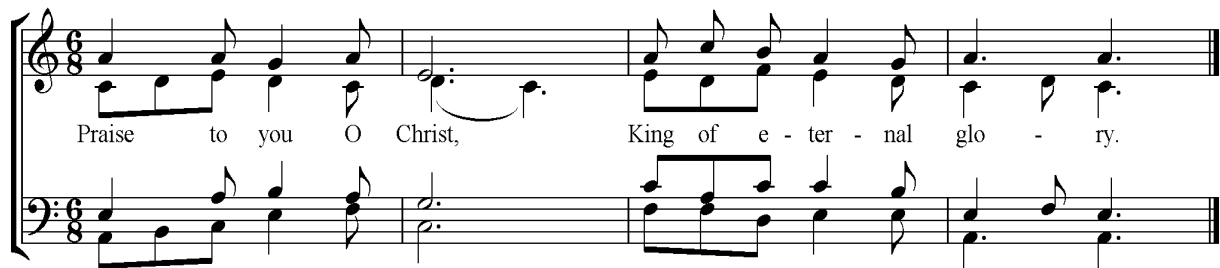
At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Praise to you O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

Choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Choir The Word became flesh and lived among us:
and we have seen his glory.

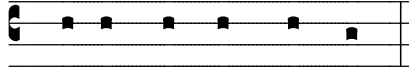
All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1.26-38

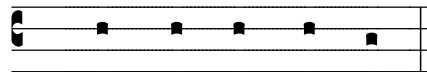
Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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 Rowena King, Missioner

A brief period of silent reflection is kept.

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
and also with you.

All

We offer each other a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The congregation join in singing the hymn whilst the table is prepared, a collection is taken 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.

May the Mother's intercessions
On our homes a blessing win,
That the children all be prospered,
Strong and fair and pure within,
Following our Lord's own footsteps,
Firm in faith and free from sin.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

For the sick and for the aged,
For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret,
All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us,
May the holy Virgin pray.

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)

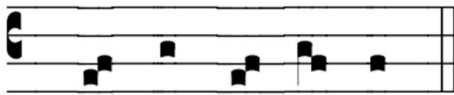
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PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

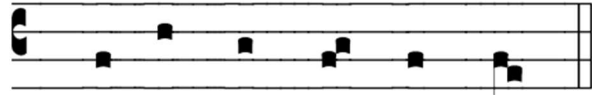
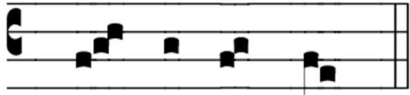
The president prays the prayer of preparation, after which all respond

All **Amen.**

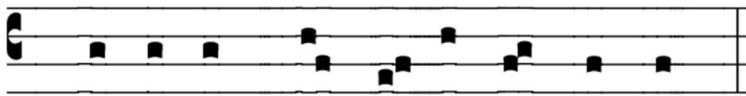
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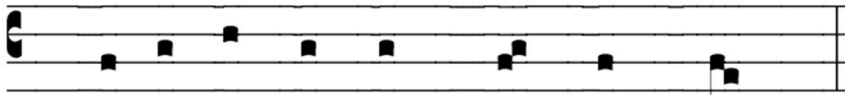
President The Lord be with you. *All* **and al - so with you.**



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.*

*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 hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Missa sexti toni Croce

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 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.
Happy 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.

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 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

Rorate Caeli Jeanne Demmessieux

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 sexti toni Croce

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION *Ave Maria Stravinsky*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus
ventris tui, Jesus.*

*Sancta Maria, mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora
mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you;
Blessed are you among women,
And blessed is the
fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and in the hour of our death.
Amen.

Words: Traditional Devotion

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*After a time of silence, all stand, and the president prays the post-communion prayer
after which all respond*

All **Amen.**

**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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Virgin born, we bow before thee: (NEH 187)
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her Child.
Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;
Blessèd was the hand that led thee;
Blessèd was the parent's eye
That watched thy slumbering infancy.

Blessèd she by all creation,
Who brought forth the world's salvation,
And blessèd they for ever blest.
Who love thee most and serve thee best.
Virgin born we bow before thee;
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her child.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
Music: L. Bourgeois (c1510-61)

The Dismissal

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

The president gives the blessing, after which all respond

All **Amen.**

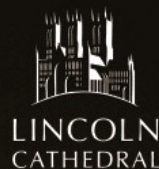
Gospeller Go in the peace of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing as the choir and ministers process out of St Hugh's Choir.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue et Hymne sur 'Ave Maris Stella' Flor Peeters

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Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

10.30am Procession, Reading of the Passion and Sung Eucharist
Please note this service starts in Lincoln Castle.

Monday 14th April

7.30pm Homily and Compline

Tuesday 15th April

11am Chrism Eucharist

7.30pm Homily and Compline

Wednesday 16th April

7.30pm Tenebrae

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Vigil of the Watch

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

9.30am The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

12noon Three Hours at the Cross

Saturday 19th April – Easter Eve

8pm Easter Vigil with Baptism and Confirmation

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day

10.30am Sung Eucharist for Easter Day, with orchestra

3.45pm Festal Evensong and Procession

Our usual round of services continues during Holy Week

Holy Communion is not celebrated on Good Friday and Easter Eve.

8am Morning Prayer (Mon-Fri, 9am on Saturday)

8.30am Holy Communion

12.30pm Holy Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong or Evening Prayer (4pm on Good Friday)

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