



Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew

It is good that we are here to offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving. You are very welcome to join us as part of this worshipping community. Please stay after the service for refreshments in the John Skinner Centre; and introduce yourself to the clergy or one of the stewards.

SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday, 8 December 2019, 10.45 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Isaac Poobalan, Provost

Director of Music and organist: Professor Andrew Morrisson
The Cathedral Choir

Mass Setting

Charles Wood, *Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode*

Organ voluntary

J.S. Bach, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* BWV 660

ProceSSIONAL Hymn 15 (NEH)

(Words: John Milton, based on Psalms 85, 82, 86; it was published in a collection of poems in 1648. Music: William Jones, an 18th century Church of England clergyman mainly known as a theologian, *St Stephen*)

1 The Lord will come and not be slow;
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then,
And justice, from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.

4 The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord!
And glorify thy name!

5 For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done;
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10 (NRSV)

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall enquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72 (vv. 1-7, 18-19) Chant 169

1 GIVE the King thy | judgements O | God : and thy righteousness | unto the | King's | son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according | unto | right : and de|fend | the | poor.

3 The mountains also | shall bring | peace : and the little hills | righteousness | unto the | people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk | by their | right : defend the children of the poor and | punish the | wrong|doer.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and | moon en|dureth : from one gener|ation |to an|other.

6 He shall come down like the rain into a | fleece of | wool : even as the | drops that | water the | earth.

2nd Part 7 In his time shall the | righteous | flourish : yea and abundance of peace so | long as the | moon en|dureth.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the | God of | Israel : which only | doeth |

wondrous | things;

19 And blessed be the Name of his | majesty for | ever : and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty, | Amen | A- | men.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end.

A|--|men.

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13 (NRSV)

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’; and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’; and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’; and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gradual Hymn 18 (NEH)

(Words: Philip Doddridge, pastor of a non-conformist church in 18th century Northampton. Music: from *Catholicum Hymnologium Germanicum*, 1584, adapted by W.H. Havergal)

1 Ye servants of the Lord,
Each for your Master wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins as in his sight,
For awful is his name.

3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

4 O happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.

5 Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amidst the angelic band.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of

the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than me is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Offertory Hymn 170 (t.1 NEH)

(Words: Percy Dearmer, English priest and liturgist, co-editor of the *English Hymnal*. Music: Ludwig M. Lindeman, a 19th century Norwegian composer, *Kirken Den Er Et*)

- 1 Lo, in the wilderness a voice
‘Make straight the way’ is crying:
When men are turning from the light,
And hope and love seem dying,
The prophet comes to make us clean:
‘There standeth one you have not seen,
Whose voice you are denying.’

- 2 God give us grace to hearken now
To those who come to warn us,
Give sight and strength, that we may kill
The vices that have torn us,
Lest love professed should disappear
In creeds of hate, contempt, and fear,
That crush and overturn us.

- 3 When from the vineyard cruel men
Cast out the heavenly powers
And Christendom denies its Lord,
The world in ruin cowers.
Now come, O God, in thy great might!
Unchanged, unchanging is thy right,
Unswayed thy justice towers.

Communion motet:

Orlando Gibbons, *This is the Record of John*

Post-Communion Hymn 12 (NEH)

(Words: Charles Coffin, 18th century Rector of Paris University and a prolific author of Latin poems, *Jordanis oras praevia*, Tr John Chandler. Music: a chorale taken from *Musikalisches Handbuch der Geistlichen Melodien*, by Georg Wittwe, 1690)

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

4 Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose Advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

Organ Voluntary:

J.S. Bach, *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn* BWV 601

LET US PRAY

In the Cathedral community we pray for Helena Thomas, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg and Gordon Smith.

We praise God for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary.

We remember those whom we love but see no longer, and those whose year's mind occurs this week.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world and for Sheran Harper, their worldwide President, and Bev Jullien, chief executive.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St Andrew's Church, Banff, and its Rector the Rev'd Canon Jeremy Paisey and Lorraine Paisey; and for Lay Reader Pam MacLennan-Brown.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for the Diocese of Chester in the Church of England, and for Bishop Peter Forster, Bishop Keith Sinclair, Bishop Libby Lane; and for the Diocese of Kuopio in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland, and for Bishop Jari Jolkkonen.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

10 December **The Fellowship Group** meets in the John Skinner Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm for discussion and conversation.

11 December **Wednesday Holy Communion**, 10 am.

14 December **Cathedral at Noon**, 12 pm: Fearghal McCartan and students, A *Celtic Christmas*, performed on the Celtic Harp.

15 December **Holy Communion** at 8 am
Sung Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Advent, at 10.45 am
Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm

31 December **Cross-over Eucharist** at 10.45 pm, with Cathedral Gospel Band

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