



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, 29 December 2019, 10.45 am

First Sunday after Christmas

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

The Cathedral Choir

Organist: Gordon Cooper

Organ voluntary

Hymn Prelude on 'In dulci Jubilo', Noel Rawsthorne

Processional Hymn 39 (NEH)

(Words: Latin, medieval Germany, first published in the 14th century, *Puer Nobis Nascitur*, Tr Percy Dearmer, co-editor of the English Hymnal. Music: The melody first appeared in a Finnish publication, *Piae Cantiones*, in 1582; adapted by G.H. Palmer)

1 Unto us a boy is born,
King of all creation:
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.

2 Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he all men surpasses.

3 Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'
And all the little boys he killed
At Bethl'em in his fury.

4 Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.

5 Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 63:7-9 (NRSV)

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Psalm 148 (*said*)

- 1 O praise the Lord from the heavens : praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
- 4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth : ye dragons and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
- 9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts and all cattle : creeping things and flying fowls;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples : princes, and all judges of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
- 13 He shall exalt the horn of his people, all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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. Amen.

Epistle: Hebrews 2:10-18 (NRSV)

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become

like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gradual Hymn 387 (NEH)

(Words: Percy Dearmer, English priest and co-editor of the English Hymnal. Music: German 14th century carol, *Quem Pastores*)

1 Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle Child of gentle Mother,
In a stable born our Brother,
Give us grace to persevere.

3 Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.

2 Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.

4 Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to us the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.

5 Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet

Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’

Offertory Hymn 20 (t.19ii NEH)

(Words: Latin, Caelius Sedulius, probably 5th century, Tr John Ellerton, English priest and hymnwriter. Music: German traditional melody, adapted for *Christliches Gesangbüchlein*, 1568, adapted by Michael Praetorius, *Puer Nobis Nascitur*)

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore,
Let every heart awake and sing
The holy Child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting King.
- 2 Behold, the world’s Creator wears
The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our Maker shares,
His fallen creature, man, to save.
- 3 For this how wondrously he wrought!
A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought,
The chosen vessel of his grace.
- 4 She bowed her to the angel’s word
Declaring what the Father willed,
And suddenly the promised Lord
That pure and hallowed temple filled.

- 5 He shrank not from the oxen's stall,
He lay within the manger bed,
And he whose bounty feedeth all
At Mary's breast himself was fed.
- 6 And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord most high,
The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- 7 All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be;
All praise to thee, O virgin-born,
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee.

Post-Communion Hymn 28 (NEH)

(Words: Based on a poem, *A Christmas Carol*, by Christina Rossetti, published in 1872.

Music: Gustav Holst, *Cranham*, written for this carol in the English Hymnal)

- 1 In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.
- 2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

- 3 Enough for him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.
- 4 Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only his Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.
- 5 What can I give him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give him, —
Give my heart.

Organ Voluntary:

Hymn Prelude on 'Adeste Fideles', Noel Rawsthorne

LET US PRAY

We thank God for the life and witness of this Cathedral, and we pray for guidance and inspiration as we plan for its regeneration so that it may serve the people of God in this city for generations to come.

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 Diocese of Gahini in Rwanda, and for the Rt Rev'd Alexis Bilindabagabo and the Rt Rev'd Manasseh Gahima; and for the Diocese of Gambia in West Africa, and the Rt Rev'd James Allen Yaw Odico.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our linked Dioceses, the Diocese of Connecticut in the United States of America, and the Diocese of Mthatha in South Africa.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for Diocese of Chichester in the Church of England, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Mark Sowerby, and for the Rt Rev'd Richard Jackson; and for the Diocese of Mikkeli in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland, and for Bishop Seppo Häkkinen.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

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

5 January **Holy Communion** at 8 am
Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany, at 10.45 am

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