

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1–9

Simplified Anglican Chant



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my / trust in you;
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph / over me.
 Let none who look to you be put to / shame;
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes.
 Show me your ways, O / LORD,
 and teach me your / paths.
 Lead me in your truth and / teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day / long.
 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love,
 for they are from ever/lasting.
 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions;
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O / LORD.
 Gracious and upright is the / LORD;
 therefore he teaches sinners in his / way.
 He guides the humble in doing / right
 and teaches his way to the / lowly.
2nd half of chant
 All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness
 to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

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People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 59

Merton

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lu - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** Show us your mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us your salvation. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Bradley Varnell

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To the call “Do not delay,” the congregation is invited to respond “Come, Lord Jesus.”

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Karensa Briggs (b.1991)

A tender shoot hath started	This shoot Isaiah taught us
Up from a root of grace,	From Jesse’s root should spring;
As ancient seers imparted,	The Virgin Mary brought us
From Jesse’s holy race,	The branch of which we sing;
It blooms without a blight,	Our God of endless might
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,	Gave her this child to save us,
Turning our darkness into light.	Thus turning darkness into light.

*— versified Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907);
trans. William Bartholomew (1793–1867)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SURSUM CORDA S 112

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 114

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

The People kneel as able.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI S 158

Healey Willan

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God’s forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1588–1635)

Remember, O thou man,
Thy time is spent:
Remember, O thou man,
How thou cam'st to me then,
And I did what I can,
Therefore repent.

In Bethlem was he born,
For mankind dear:
In Bethlem was he born
For us that were forlorn,
And therefore took no scorn,
Our sins to bear.

Remember God's goodness,
And promise made:
Remember God's goodness,
How his only Son he sent,
Our sins for to redress:
Be not afraid.

Give thanks to God always
With hearts most jolly;
Give thanks to God always
Upon this blessed day:
Let all men sing and say,
Holy, holy.

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking the Sacrament to members of our Cathedral family:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 616

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allabreve in D Major, BWV 589

Johann Sebastian Bach

Cathedral tours highlighting the lore of the building, its windows, its woodwork and more are given by a guide each Sunday following the 11 o'clock service.

Look for the guide under the crucifixion window at the rear of the nave.

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–36

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember James H. Davis.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Linda Anne Baldwin and Dorothy Geiselman Baldwin by the family of Robert B. Baldwin III.

The greenery and candles in the Advent wreath in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr. James Reed Cox.

The greenery and candles in the Advent wreath in Golding Chapel are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life and work of Ardell Ray Jr.

Welcome

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Advent Wreath Making • Bring the family to Reynolds Hall to create an Advent wreath beginning at 10 a.m. today. The suggested donation for an Advent wreath is \$25 — donations help to defray the cost of the supplies. Scholarships and curbside pickup kits are available. You'll also receive a follow-along-at-home liturgy to guide you through your expectant waiting for the coming of the Christ Child.

❖ **Christmas at the Cathedral** • Christmas at the Cathedral, this Saturday, December 7, is an annual event hosted by the Mission Outreach Council and staffed by Cathedral volunteers for the benefit of Kids Hope students and their families. There is a Christmas tree in the cloister with ornaments for each child. You are invited to select an ornament, purchase a gift for a child, and return the unwrapped gift to Reynolds Hall by December 6. The gifts will stock a Santa's Workshop where parents can shop for gifts for their children. Volunteers can sign up to support this event. Visit christchurchcathedral.org/christmasatthecathedral for more info.

❖ **What Are We Waiting For?** • Advent is a season set aside for the spiritual practice of waiting. In this series, December 8–22, we examine just what and who we are waiting for through the lens of Advent and Christmas music. Each Sunday a member of the clergy will discuss music of the season that, for them, brings clarity to the Christ Child for whom we wait, and what happens to us as we wait. Series speakers: Dec. 8 — the Rev. Canon Simón Bautista; Dec. 15 — the Very. Rev. Nathaniel Katz; Dec. 22 — the Rev. Canon Liz Kronenberg.

For more information about these and other events at the Cathedral, visit christchurchcathedral.org.

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