



Choral Eucharist

Advent

The Cathedral Church of St Philip, Birmingham

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome may be said

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Each week a candle is lit on the Advent Wreath, and as we stand in its light, we look to the coming of Christ, the Light of the World

The Confession

Deacon When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Silence is kept

We confess our sins using these words

Deacon Most merciful God,
All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

We receive words of forgiveness

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Kyrie Eleison

The choir sings the Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

The Collect

Let us pray.

The Collect is said and we respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The choir sings an anthem

Second Reading

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Choir *Alleluia.*
All (sung) **Alleluia.**

The choir sings the Gospel sentence

All (sung) **Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

After the sermon, there is a period of silence

The Creed

We affirm the Church's faith together

President We believe in one God,
All **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.

The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

One of these responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78, 79

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

A hymn is sung during which a collection is taken and the altar is prepared for Communion

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President says the prayer of consecration

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The President prays the Eucharistic Preface which praises God
Then the choir sings the Sanctus in one of the following forms*

(Either)

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

(or)

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.*

The Eucharistic Prayer continues; the President asks God the Father to send the Holy Spirit and prays over the bread and wine, recalling Jesus' words at the Last Supper

This acclamation is used

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:
All (sung) **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends in one of the following ways

(Either)

...for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

(or)

...in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

All As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

(Either)

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.**

(or)

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei may be sung in these or other words

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

The Invitation

One of the following forms of invitation is used

(Either)

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

(or)

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.**

(or)

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is distributed. Those who are participating remotely may wish to say this prayer

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

During Communion the choir may sing the Agnus Dei and/or an anthem, then silence is kept

Post Communion Prayer

A prayer is said, to which we respond

All **Amen.**

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The Dismissal

The Blessing

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

The Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary



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