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9th December 2018 – Advent 2

Today's services:

8am Holy Eucharist

at the Cathedral

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9.30am The Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 263, 527, 949, 88

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

Hymns: 55, 14, 7

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Mass: Plainsong Tones

Psalm: Benedictus

Motet: Adam Lay Ybounden, Ord

Preacher: The Dean

11am Informal Worship at the Parish Church

6pm Candlelit Choral Evensong

at the Cathedral

See special Order of Service

Collect

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the
world and will send him again to be
our judge: give us grace so to imitate
him in the humility and purity of his
first coming that, when he comes
again, we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Malachi 3. 1-4

A reading from the book of the
prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to
prepare the way before me, and the
Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of
the covenant in whom you delight—
indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of
hosts. But who can endure the day of
his coming, and who can stand when
he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like
fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and
purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them

*Welcome to St Asaph Cathedral and St Asaph
Parish Church today. We are a community that
seeks to enfold all people in the love of God. If you
wish to speak to a priest after the service, if you wish
to find a corner to pray, if you wish simply to
find some peace, please feel free and welcome
to do so. We warmly invite all those who are
baptised to receive Holy Communion with us today.
(Children at the discretion of parents). Before the
service: spend some time in quiet prayer, preparing to
meet the Lord in this act of worship.*

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like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Canticle

R: In your tender compassion, O God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel : for he has come to his people and set them free. The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David. **R:**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies: from the hands of all who hate us. To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember his holy covenant. **R:**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham : to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear : holy and righteous before him all the days of our life. **R:**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High : for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation : by the forgiveness of their sins. **R:**

In the tender compassion of our God : the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death :

and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **R:**

Philippians 1. 3-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Luke 3. 1-6

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate

was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of hope,
renew in us the joy of your salvation
and make us a living sacrifice to you;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion

Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of life; through our sharing in this holy sacrament teach us to judge wisely earthly things and to yearn for things heavenly. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Notices

Refreshments. Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am and 11am Eucharists.

Parish Lunch The next Parish Lunch will be held at the White House on Sunday 16th December at 1315. The cost will be £17.95 for two courses (main and dessert) or £14.95 for main course only. Menu choices must be made today. John Solbé will have circulated the menu and noted your choices beforehand. On the day a single bill will be submitted so please bring the correct money.

Christmas Cards. After last Christmas we collected old Christmas cards with a view to recycling some of them for sale this year. Heather Fenton is now ready to sell these to raise funds for the cathedral and will have them in the south transept after the Eucharist today. They will then be for sale in the Tearoom, and hopefully again on the first Sunday of December. So buy now while stocks last!

Christmas Card Amnesty. There will be an opportunity to participate in this during Advent and Christmas. There will be a cut-out of a Christmas tree at the back of the cathedral on which we can put our good wishes to all in the Cathedral Community. You are then invited to donate the money you would normally spend on cards to Christian aid. Please note there will be no provision to leave cards in the cathedral for people this year.

Mothers Union Meeting Wednesday 12th December at 2pm at the Old Palace – “Carols and Readings” with Fr Rex. A warm welcome to all.

Forget-me-not Christmas party Thursday, 13th December from 2-4pm at the parish church. All welcome for community singing followed by tea with homemade cakes.

The Week Ahead

10th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
6pm Evening Prayer

11th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
6pm Stillness & Prayer
7pm Holy Eucharist

12th Wednesday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm Confirmation Eucharist
9pm Sung Compline

13th Thursday – Nicholas, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist at the Parish Church
6pm Evening Prayer

14th Friday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren
6pm Evening Prayer

15th Saturday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
6pm Sacred Space

16th Sunday – Advent 3

8am Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral
9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
11am Informal Eucharist at the Parish Church
3.30pm Choral Evensong at the Cathedral

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