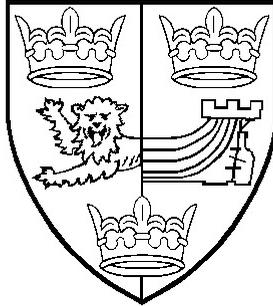


ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL



Holy Communion in Advent

Common Worship Order One

Large print version available



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A **crèche** is usually available for children up to the age of three in the Edmund Room from the beginning of the service.

The Cathedral Wardens will be happy to direct you. For younger children remaining in church, “Jolly Bags” filled with quiet toys and books are available from the Wardens.

Junior Church is usually held in the Lecture Room. The children participate in the lighting of the Advent Crown at the beginning of the service and then move to the Lecture Room.

After the service everyone is most welcome for coffee in the Refectory.

The Cathedral Library is open for half an hour after the service. Please ask for directions.

Gift Aid Envelopes

If you are a UK taxpayer, please think before you put cash in the collection plate. If you put it in one of the Gift Aid envelopes (which are available on the pews, at the back of the Church, or from a Steward), fill in your details and sign the envelope, the Chancellor adds 28% to your gift. So a gift of £5.00 becomes £6.40 at no extra cost to you. Please remember to fill in your details and sign the envelope to enable the Cathedral to claim the 28% tax from the Government. **Thank you.**

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral for this celebration of Holy Communion

The service is taken from *The Order for the Celebration of the Holy Communion also called The Eucharist and The Lord's Supper* from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*.

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16: 22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour.

The service has four main sections:

The Gathering, when we come together in worship. This concludes with the Collect which 'collects' or gathers together the prayers of the congregation.

The Liturgy of the Word, when we listen to readings from the Bible and hear the sermon, say together the Nicene Creed, and offer our prayers of intercession.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament, when we follow the example and command of Jesus at the Last Supper. The President (a priest or bishop) takes the bread and the wine to be consecrated, offers thanks in the words of the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, breaks the bread to be shared, and then distributes these gifts to the congregation.

The Dismissal, in which the President blesses the congregation and we are sent out to love and serve the Lord.

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A FORM OF PREPARATION

These pieces of writing may be used by members of the congregation as part of their private preparation for Holy Communion.

The Advent Prose: Rorate Coeli

*Drop down, ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
Neither remember iniquity for ever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
Our holy and our beautiful house,
Where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
And we all do fade away as a leaf:
And our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away;
Thou hast hid thy face from us:
And hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
And my servant whom I have chosen;
That ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
And beside me there is no Saviour:
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
My salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God,
The Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

*Drop down, ye heavens from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.*

The Great Advent Antiphons: *these antiphons are sung, by ancient practice, before and after the Magnificat, during Evensong in the days leading up to Christmas Eve. They use one or other of the scriptural names for Christ and each concludes with a distinct petition to the coming Lord. They also form the basis of the hymn ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel’.*

O Sapientia: 17 December

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things; Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai: 18 December

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sinai: Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

O radix Jesse: 19 December

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us and tarry not.

O Clavis David: 20 December

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel; that openest, and no man shutteth; and shuttest and no man openeth: Come, and bring the prisoner out of the prison-house, and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

O oriens: 21 December

O Dayspring, Brightness of Light everlasting, and Sun of righteousness: Come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

O Rex Gentium: 22 December

O King of the nations, and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come, and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

O Emmanuel: 23 December

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The Lighting of the Advent Crown

The First Sunday of Advent

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Order of Service begins here

The Gathering

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

Stand

Introit Hymn

The Greeting

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **And also with you.**

A candle on the Advent Crown is lit (see page 7 or 8 for the appropriate prayer of blessing)

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

President When the Lord comes,
 he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,
 and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

 Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Kneel Silence is kept

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
 we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
 in what we have thought,
 in what we have said and done,
 through ignorance, through weakness,
 through our own deliberate fault.
 We have wounded your love,
 and marred your image in us.
 We are sorry and ashamed,
 and repent of all our sins.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 who died for us,
 forgive us all that is past;
 and lead us out from darkness
 to walk as children of light.
 Amen.**

Kyrie

*A setting may be sung by the Choir alone in English or in Greek.
Alternatively, the pew leaflet indicates which congregational setting of the
Kyrie is to be sung and its page number in this book.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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.

Remain kneeling

The Collect

The President leads the Collect of the day printed in the pew leaflet to which all respond **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading

At the end of each, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual Hymn during which the Gospel Book is carried in procession to the centre of the Nave

Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel Book

Gospel Reading

Deacon All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to *Name*: **Glo - ry to you, O Lord.**

At the end

Deacon All

This is the gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sit after the preacher's opening prayer

The sermon is followed by a brief silence for reflection

Stand

At the Toy Service, which normally takes place on one of the Sundays in Advent, the children's Nativity Play replaces the Gradual Hymn, Gospel Reading, and Sermon. The Creed may be replaced by an Affirmation of Faith which will be printed in the pew leaflet.

The Creed

All We believe in one God,
 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.

Prayers of Intercession

In the prayers which follow, the word 'Maranatha' means 'Our Lord, come' [1 Corinthians 16: 22].

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world
 and let us thank God for his goodness.

Kneel

Minister In joyful expectation of his coming
 we pray to Jesus, saying,
 Maranatha.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.
 We pray for

 Help us to live in the light of your coming
 and give us a longing for your kingdom.
 Maranatha.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister Come to your world as King of the nations.
 We pray for

 Before you rulers will stand in silence.
 Maranatha.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister Come to your people with a message of victory
 and peace.
 We pray for [those who have died, including.....].
 Give us the victory over death, temptation and evil.
 Maranatha.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister Come to us as Saviour and Comforter.
We pray for [the sick, including.....].
Break into our lives,
where we struggle with sickness and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.
Maranatha.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister Come to us from heaven, Lord Jesus,
with power and great glory.
Lift us up to meet you,
with James and Edmund and all your saints and angels,
to live with you for ever.
Maranatha.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence is kept

Minister Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share
in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President 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.

President The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn *during which the gifts of the people are gathered and presented and the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it*

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All Amen.

from 17 December until Christmas Eve:

President It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore
with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again
he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
or Choir **God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once
for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you
the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
James, Edmund and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All 
A - men.

All kneel as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

President 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.

Giving of Communion

President 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.

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God,
or Choir you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

*Members of the congregation who are
confirmed members of the Church of England,
or who are of good standing within their own churches,
are invited to receive communion.*

*Everyone else is welcome to receive a blessing,
in which case please carry this order of service with you
as an indication to the ministers.*

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

During the distribution of communion, the Choir may sing an anthem.

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Kneel

Silence is kept

*The Post Communion Prayer printed on the pew leaflet is led by the President
after which all may say*

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and, at its end, behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

President 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.

Stand

Final Hymn

Deacon Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Deacon May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

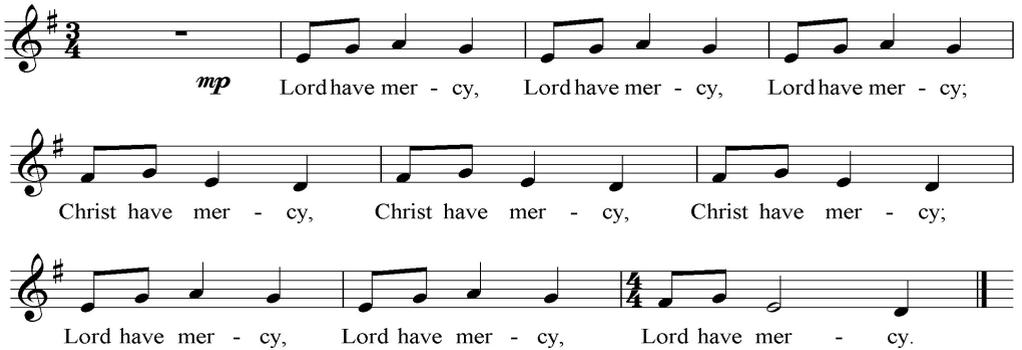
All Amen.

Please replace your kneelers on the pews

*Coffee is served in the Refectory after the service
to which all members of the congregation are warmly invited*

Congregational Setting by Martin How

Kyrie



mp Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy;
Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy;
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Sanctus and Benedictus



At Moderate Speed
p Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might.
mf Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry *f* Ho - san - na in the
high - est, *rit.* Ho - san - na in the high - est.
mp Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord *mf* Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

Agnus Dei



mp Jes-us, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus,



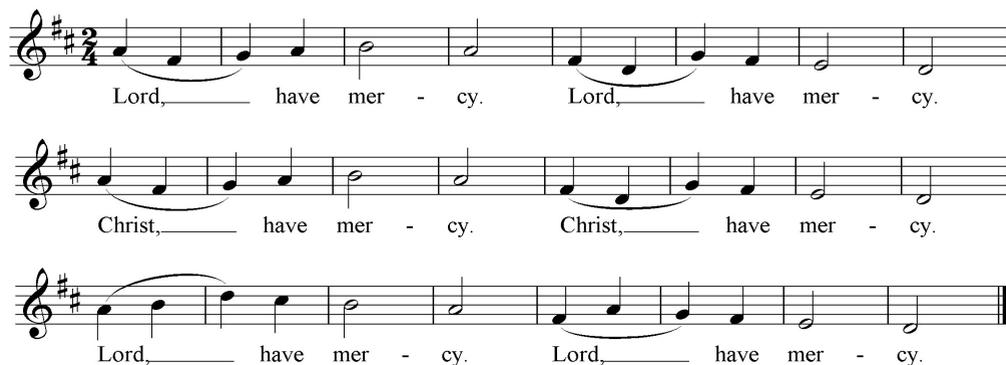
Bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on us.



Je-sus, re-deem-er of the wold: give us your peace.

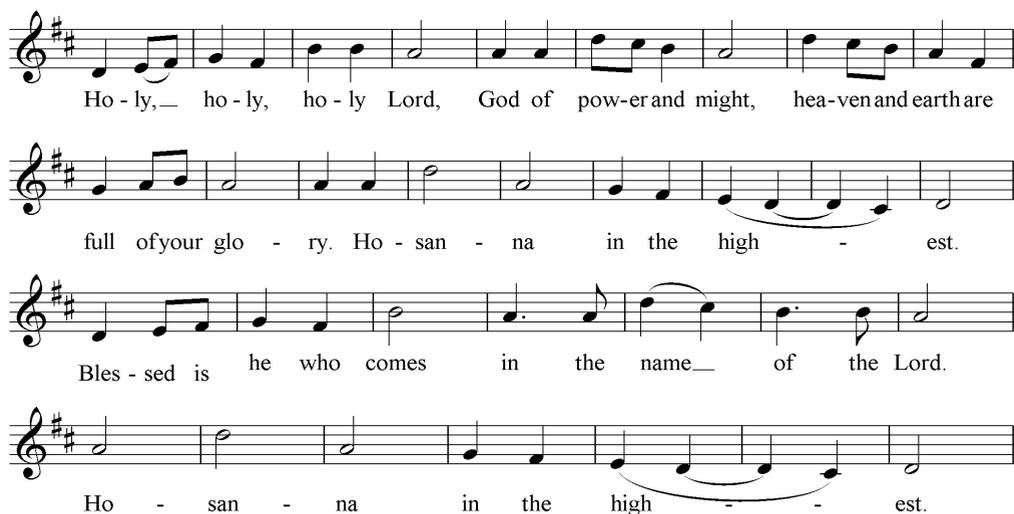
Congregational Setting by Gregory Murray

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins___ of the world:



have mer - cy on us. grant_____ us peace.

Congregational Setting by William Mathias

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer- cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord have mer - cy.

Sanctus and Benedictus

mp Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

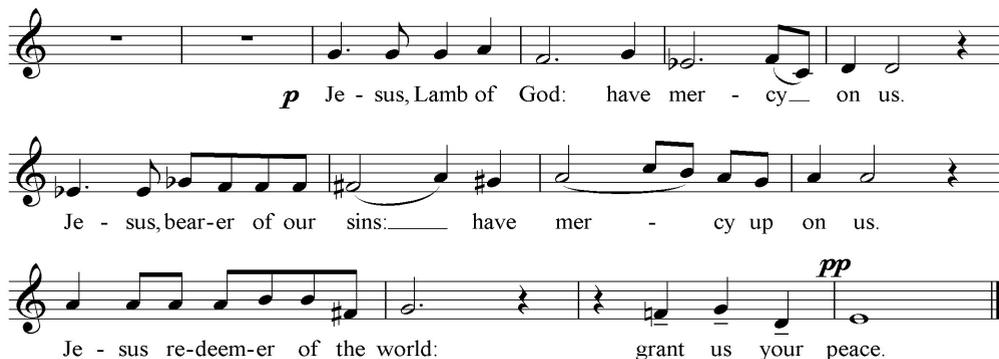
God of power and *mf* might, Heaven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Agnus Dei



p Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy - on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy up on us.

Je - sus re-deem-er of the world: grant us your peace. *pp*

*If you are visiting the Cathedral,
please take our prayers and best wishes back to your own church.
If you are new to our congregation, please complete one of the “new members
cards” available at the end of the pews or ask a steward for one.
We should be glad to provide you with a “Welcome Pack”
giving some information about the many aspects of Cathedral life.*

*You may wish to make an organized financial contribution to the work of the
Cathedral through its stewardship scheme. Stewardship forms are available.
Please ask for one.*

*The Friends of St Edmundsbury Cathedral support the Dean and Chapter
in caring for the fabric of the building and by expanding the resources
available to the Cathedral in its work and mission.*

*If you appreciate the choral tradition of our Cathedral Church, you may wish
to support it actively by joining the Friends of the Cathedral Choir.*

*Membership forms for the Friends of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and the
Friends of the Cathedral Choir are available at the west end of the Cathedral
or please ask a steward for help.*

The Worship of St Edmundsbury Cathedral

For information about regular worship and special events at the Cathedral, please see the pew leaflet (distributed at Sunday services) or the service list (posted in various parts of the Cathedral).

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