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SECOND SUNDAY
OF CHRISTMAS
CATHEDRAL
EUCCHARIST AND
CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

CHRISTMAS

The 12-day season of Christmas is the shortest of the church seasons and concludes on Epiphany. Twelve short days traces the first two years of Jesus' life. We celebrate the birth of a baby who grew to be a man who was to give up everything out of love for everyone. Whether you are gathered in the Cathedral or at home we wish you all a very peaceful Christmas.

WORSHIPPING AT HOME

Those worshipping at home will be able to sing with gusto. Those worshipping in the building are not permitted to sing but can hum! The choir will sing on behalf of us all, and we can use the words of the hymns for quiet reflection.

MUSIC

Our services are sung by *VOCE*. We welcome them and thank them very much for being with us today.

HOLY COMMUNION

The bread will be brought to the congregation at their seats by the clergy. Please remove your face covering after you have received the bread from the priest.

CHORAL EVENSONG

The order of service for Choral Evensong begins on page 22.

DONATE TO THE WORK OF THE CATHEDRAL

Your support is needed now, more than ever. Like all charities we have been badly affected by Covid-19 We need to increase our income by £20,000 per month through 2021 in order to continue our work and protect the jobs of all who work here. If you can increase your regular giving, make a one-off donation or set up a new regular donation please get in touch. The QR code can be used at any time for one-off donations. Thank you for your generosity. More information is available here <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/support/donate>



We all say the words in **bold** type.

THE GATHERING

HYMN

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
when he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
when he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
when he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethl'em shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

text: F. Pratt, Green, 1903-2000

*music: CP 58, Personent hodie, melody from Piaie Cantiones, 1582,
harmonised by editors of New English Hymnal, 1986*

THE GREETING

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
‘You shall call his name Jesus,
For he will save his people from their sins.’
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
Through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus. Rex coelestis.
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu
Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus
Dei, Filius Patris: qui tollis
peccata mundi, miserere
nobis. Qui tollis peccata
mundi, suscipe deprecationem
nostram. Qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,
in Gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people
of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you for your
great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King. God the
Father almighty.*

*Only Son of the Father, Jesus
Christ: Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, who takes
away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us; who takes away
the sin of the world, receive our
prayer; who sits at
the right hand of the Father:
have mercy upon us.*

*For you alone are holy;
you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

THE COLLECT

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration
that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31.7-14

For thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Behold, the great Creator makes
Himself a house of clay,
a robe of virgin flesh He takes
which he will wear for aye.

Hark, hark! the wise eternal Word
like a weak infant cries;
In form of servant is the Lord,
and God in cradle lies.

This wonder struck the world amazed,
it shook the starry frame;
squadrons of spirits stood and gazed,
then down in troops they came.

Glad shepherds ran to view this sight;
a choir of angels sings,
and eastern sages with delight
adore this King of kings.

Join then, all hearts that are not stone,
and all our voices prove,
to celebrate this Holy One,
the God of peace and love.

text: Thomas Pestel (1585-1659)

music: CP 46 (ii), Kilmarnock, Neil Dougall (1776-1862)

Stand **GOSPEL READING** John 1.10-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John

testified to him and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ’) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit **SERMON** The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

Stand **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Together we affirm the faith of the church

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for God's faithfulness to be known in our world.

In a world of change and hope,
of fear and adventure,
faithful God
glorify your name.

In human rebellion and obedience,
in our seeking and our finding,
faithful God
glorify your name.

In the common life of our society,
in prosperity and need,
faithful God
glorify your name.

As your Church proclaims your goodness
in words and action,
faithful God
glorify your name.

Among our friends
and in our homes,
faithful God
glorify your name.

In our times of joy,
in our days of sorrow,
faithful God
glorify your name.

In our strengths and triumphs,
in our weakness and at our death,
faithful God
glorify your name.

In your saints in glory
and on the day of Christ's coming,
faithful God
glorify your name.

Stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Sit

HYMN

From the eastern mountains
pressing on they come,
wise men in their wisdom,
to his humble home;
stirred by deep devotion,
hasting from afar,
ever journeying onward,
guided by a star.

There their Lord and Saviour
meek and lowly lay,
wondrous light that led them
onward on their way,
ever now to lighten
nations from afar,
as they journey homeward
by that guiding star.

Thou who in a manger
once hast lowly lain,
who dost now in glory
o'er all kingdoms reign,
gather in the peoples,
who in lands afar
ne'er have seen the brightness
of thy guiding star.

Until every nation,
whether bond or free,
'neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesu, follow thee
o'er the distant mountains
to that heavenly home,
where nor sin nor sorrow
evermore shall come.

text: Geoffrey Thring (1823-1903)

music: CP 86 (ii), Cuddesdon, W. H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

Amen.

Stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Sit Benedictus qui venit
 In nomine Domini
 Hosanna in excelsis.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour has 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The consecrated bread is broken.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

All the confirmed are welcome to receive the bread. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides.

The clergy will bring the bread to you at your seats. Gluten-free bread is available.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MOTET

Nesciens mater virgo virum peperit

bore sine dolore Salvatorem saeculorum

Ipsam regem angelorum.

sola virgo lactabat, ubere de caelo pleno.

Without knowing a man, the Virgin Mother

without pain, the eternal Saviour,

Himself the King of Angels.

She alone suckled with heavenly plenty.

text: An antiphon for the Octave of the Nativity from Medici Codex (1518)

music: Jean Moulton (1459-1522)

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All praise to you,

almighty God and heavenly king,

who sent your Son into the world

to take our nature upon him

and to be born of a pure virgin:

grant that, as we are born again in him,

so he may continually dwell in us

and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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 BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN

*We turn west as the procession passes. This symbolises us being sent out to
live the good news of God in Christ.*

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
angel-hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King:
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

text: Prudentius (348-c413);tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

*music: CP 64, Divinum Mysterium, melody from Piae Cantiones, 1582,
harmonised by editors of New English Hymnal, 1986*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Toccata-Prelude on Vom Himmel Hoch
Garth Edmundson (1892-1971)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today 3 January

6pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 5 January

8am Morning Prayer

8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 6 January

9am Morning Prayer

Feast of the Epiphany

9.30 Holy Communion

**Thursday 7 January
and Friday 8 January**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30 Holy Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Next Sunday

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

10 January

6pm Epiphany Lessons and Carols

All are welcome although numbers on Sundays will be limited. Please register to attend Sunday services via the website.

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CHORAL EVENSONG

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Order of Service, including the psalmody can be found on the Daily Prayer App - Choose **Traditional Service**. We read from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. If you'd like to follow the readings you'll find them on the App by switching to **Contemporary Service**
<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>

Stand for the entry of the choir and the clergy, the Magnificat, the Nunc Dimittis and the departure of the choir and clergy

Sit

INTROIT

Procedenti puero
Eya, nobis annus est!
Virginis ex utero
Gloria! Laudes!
Deus homo factus est
et immortalis.

*A boy comes forth,
Eya, this is our time,
From the womb of a virgin.
Glory! Praise!
God is made man
and immortal.*

Sine viri semine
Eya, nobis annus est!
Natus est de virgine
Gloria! Laudes!
Deus homo factus est
et immortalis.

*Without the seed of a man
Eya, this is our time,
He is born of a virgin.
Glory! Praise!
God is made man
and immortal.*

Sine viri copia
Eya, nobis annus est!
Natus est ex Maria
Gloria! Laudes!
Deus homo factus est
et immortalis.

*Without the means of a man,
Eya, this is our time,
He is born of Mary
Glory! Praise!
God is made man
and immortal.*

In hoc festo determino
Eya, nobis annus est!
Benedicamus Domino!
Gloria! Laudes!
Deus homo factus est
et immortalis.

*On this appointed feast,
Eya, this is our time,
Let us bless the Lord.
Glory! Praise!
God is made man
and immortal.*

*text: Poem from Sloane MS 2593 (time of Henry VI)
music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)*

Stand **RESPONSES** *Bernard Rose (1916-1996)*

Sit **HYMN**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

text: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

music: CP 90(i), St Edmund, Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

PSALM 135. 1-14

○ praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord :
praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
Ye that stand in the house of the Lord :
in the courts of the house of our God.
○ praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious :
○ sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself :
and Israel for his own possession.
For I know that the Lord is great :
and that our Lord is above all gods.
Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth :
and in the sea, and in all deep places.

He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world :
and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain,
bringing the winds out of his treasures.

He smote the first-born of Egypt :
both of man and beast.

He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee,
O thou land of Egypt :
upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.

He smote divers nations :
and slew mighty kings;

Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan :
and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

And gave their land to be an heritage :
even an heritage unto Israel his people.

Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever :
so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

For the Lord will avenge his people :
and be gracious unto his servants.

Stand 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

Chant: Richard Marlow (1939-2013), after Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 46.3-13

Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from your birth,
carried from the womb;
even to your old age I am he,
even when you turn grey I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.

To whom will you liken me and make me equal,
and compare me, as though we were alike?
Those who lavish gold from the purse,
and weigh out silver in the scales –
they hire a goldsmith, who makes it into a god;
then they fall down and worship!
They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it,
they set it in its place, and it stands there;
it cannot move from its place.
If one cries out to it, it does not answer
or save anyone from trouble.

CANTICLES Evening Service (Gloucester) *Herbert Howells (1902-83)*

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

ANTHEM

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honour to this day
That sees December turn to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn
Thus on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and lustre, public mirth,
To heaven and the underearth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart,
Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour; who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

*text: Robert Herrick (1591-1674) abridged and altered
music: John Rutter (b.1945)*

HYMN

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Stand

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

music: CP 81, Lord of the Years, Michael Baughen, (b.1930), arr David Iloff (b.1939)

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