



LICHFIELD
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist

18 October 2020

**Luke the Evangelist
& Anti-Slavery Day**

10:30

President

The Very Revd Adrian Dorber
Dean

Gospel

The Revd Gregory Platten
Canon Chancellor

Preacher

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane
Canon Custos

Intercessions

The Revd Canon Andrew Stead
Canon Precentor

Lichfield Cathedral is called to live and proclaim the transforming love of God. Through the fullness of its life in the Spirit, it seeks to be a sign of the friendship and freedom that God in Jesus Christ has given the whole world to enjoy.

WELCOME TO LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL



Welcome, whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or via YouTube at home. It is good that we can come together both virtually and physically to offer our Eucharist, our offering of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God.

Safety

Please always follow the directions given in how we need to move around the Cathedral and observe social distancing rules. In the unlikely event of an emergency, please remain quiet and respond calmly and promptly to the directions of the Vergers.

Spiritual Communion

Whilst services are being live streamed and people cannot for a number of reasons come to Church to receive their communion in person we will continue to incorporate the Spiritual Communion within our worship at the point of the distribution of the Holy Communion.

The reasoning behind this is found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. It is a way of taking our communion when, as at this time, we are prevented from doing so.

Receiving Communion

Communion will be offered only in bread at this time. Please follow the instructions given as to how to do this. Gluten free hosts will be available on request.

Music & Speech

There is no congregational singing allowed at this time and additionally we are also asked to speak softly. The organ will be played by our Organ Scholar, Liam Condon, during the worship. The cantors this morning are Ben Lamb, Daniel Antrobus and Paul Whitehall.

Offerings

We have been immensely grateful to members of our worshipping community for their continued generosity throughout the pandemic. Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. For your safety, no physical collection will be taken during the service. For those worshipping in the Cathedral, there are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you are unfamiliar with these devices please do ask a volunteer or verger for assistance. For those worshipping at home, you can text SPIRES to 70191 to give £10, or visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate

We do hope that you can feel as totally included in this celebration of the Eucharist as is possible, whether you are worshipping at home or in the Cathedral.

MUSIC
Mass for Three Voices
William Byrd (1539-1623)

THE GATHERING

Stand as the Priests assemble in the Crossing

THE GREETING

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

Amen.

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised
to the glory of God the Father.

Grace and mercy be with you.

And also with you.

Sit as the president offers further words of welcome and then says

As our world and nation remain in the grip of a pandemic, we gather to pray for healing; for the healing of our world and nation and for the healing of all those who are in any need this day.

On this anti-slavery day, we commemorate all those who in generations past have been taken from their homes and families as slaves and we hold in our prayers most especially those whose life today is held captive by the power of others. We pray for all who are abused; for those who are trafficked around the world and treated as commodities to be traded rather than people to be loved. And we pray for those who, as we meet in safety, are travelling across land and sea, seeking to escape danger longing for a new life.

Today, as the Church gives thanks for the life and ministry of St Luke the Evangelist, physician and teacher, we pray for all those who dedicate their lives to the healing, welfare and wellbeing of others.

In a moment of silence, let us hold in our minds those who we know are in need of Christ's healing and all those who this day are in great danger.

THE RITE OF PENITENCE

Jesus said 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none;
and whoever has food must do likewise.'

In sorrow for our selfishness and greed, let us call to mind our sins.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your friends.
On our unfriendliness; Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are holy and gentle in heart.
On our unholiness and aggression; Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came to humble the mighty
and to lift up the lowly.
On our desire for status; Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May God our Father forgive you your sins,
and bring you to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.
Amen.

***Stand** as we say together*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Cantors)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

God of compassion and love,
your beloved Son came to preach good news,
to bring release to the captives,
to liberate the oppressed, and to bring sight to the blind;
by your grace, open our eyes to the needs of the world,
give us the strength to join the fight against prejudice and oppression
and release us from the bonds of selfishness and greed,
that all those whose life is diminished by the selfishness of others
may know the power of your love to heal and to save;
through Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer. **Amen.**

Based on Luke 4. 18-19

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35.3-6

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Cantors*)

Alleluia. Alleluia
I appoint you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.
Alleluia

John 15.16

GOSPEL READING Luke 10.1-9

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"

And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

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

A fanfare is sounded to honour the reading of the Gospel.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

NICENE CREED

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.

Sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to the God of our salvation, who hears our prayers,
and whose Son has overcome death that we may live.

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet and a light upon our path.
We give you thanks for your evangelist St Luke
and we pray for your Church and for its healing,
that the Church may make your grace and salvation known in all the world.
We pray for those who are called to translate and publish the scriptures,
and for all whose work in publishing and broadcasting
seeks to communicate the Christian faith.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, the early followers of Christ
were accused of turning the world upside down by their teaching.
We pray for your world in need of radical change,
for wounded and divided humanity;
for all who are damaged and hurt by hatred, prejudice and injustice;
for all who in our own day are enslaved to the will of others;

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those national and international organisations
that seek after peace, reconciliation and an end to modern slavery.
Prosper the work of those who seek to bring justice and peace;
and turn the hearts of those whose ways and works are abusive and selfish,
that those who think themselves mighty may be humbled
and the voice of the meek may be heard.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, through your prophet you promised that the sun of righteousness
would arise with healing in his wings.

We pray for all who are in need of your healing:
as we give thanks for St Luke in this time of pandemic,
we pray particularly for those who share in Christ's ministry of healing;
for our health services, for doctors, nurses and support staff,
for those who care for our loved ones in care homes and nursing homes,
for those who wait with people whose lives are nearing their end;
and we pray for those whose decisions affect the resourcing
of good health of mind, body and spirit.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And we give thanks for those who in this life
brought life and light, joy and peace to those near and far,
and have now gone to their eternal rest.
May they rejoice for ever
in the presence of the one in whose house are many mansions,
in that place where death is no more,
and mourning and crying and pain are no more,
through Jesus our healer and redeemer. **Amen.**

Stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a socially distanced sign of peace with their neighbour

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

After the washing of the president's hands

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
As you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*Cantors*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary the Virgin,
Chad our Patron, Luke the Evangelist
and all the saints
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving physically their communion. The words for the distribution are used once at this point and not repeated to each communicant.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I invite you to open your hands as a sign of your openness
to receiving God's grace as we pray together:

**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.**

Those of any Christian denomination who are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to do so here, as directed by the stewards (please let a steward know if you require a gluten-free wafer). Those who wish to come forward for a blessing are also most welcome: please bring this service booklet as a sign of your intention. If you have difficulty in walking to the communion station, please inform a steward and we will gladly bring the sacrament to you in your place.

AGNUS DEI (*choir*)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us; grant us thy peace.

MOTET

Gloria tibi, Domine
William Byrd (1539-1623)

*Gloria tibi, Domine,
Qui natus es de Virgine
Cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu
In sempiterna saecula. Amen.*

*Glory be to you, O Lord,
Born of a Virgin,
With the Father and the Holy Spirit
World without end. Amen.*

Organ music may be played until the ministers have returned to their places.

Remain seated.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Stand

ACCLAMATION

The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds; the just shall see his face.
The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds; the just shall see his face.
When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?
The just shall see his face.
His eyes behold the inhabited world; his piercing eye weighs our worth.
The just shall see his face.
The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked,
but those that delight in violence he abhors.
The just shall see his face.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds; the just shall see his face.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May God the holy and undivided Trinity
preserve you in body, mind and spirit,
and bring you to that heavenly country
where peace and harmony reign:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
by among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Tuba Tune

Norman Cocker (1889–1953)

Please remain standing as the clergy process to the west doors.

***Please then be seated.** You are encouraged to sit and listen to the organ voluntary. When you are ready to depart please follow the directions of the stewards who will assist in your leaving the building safely. Please be careful to observe the 'rule of six' and maintain social distancing at all times.*

*If you have printed this order of service off to bring to Church
please take it away with you. Thank you.*

LATER TODAY...

17:30 – Evening Prayer

Daily Routine

Our worship continues during this coming week with our regular services:

Daily

0800	Morning Prayer	Facebook
1230	The Holy Eucharist	Cathedral/Facebook
1730	Evening Prayer	Cathedral/Facebook

Next Sunday

0800	The Holy Eucharist (Trad. Language)	YouTube
1030	Cathedral Eucharist	Cathedral/YouTube
1730	Evening Prayer/Choral Evensong	Cathedral/YouTube

n.b. Morning Prayer will continue for the present on Facebook only.

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