Choral Eucharist
5th November 2023 – 10.30
All Saints’ Sunday

President
The Revd Canon Dr David Primrose
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Preacher
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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.
ALL ARE WELCOME ... THIS IS YOUR CATHEDRAL....
Welcome to your Cathedral. If you're here with small children, we’re very glad to see you! It’s good to have you with us and joining in the worship. If you’d like one, there are activity bags with simple activities for children and a sheet with activities that follow the readings you’ll hear in the service today - please ask the stewards who welcomed you for one. If you, or your child, needs some time out, you can use St Stephen’s Chapel - straight ahead and to the left of the large hanging cross, near the large font. It has green walls and two entrances. There you’ll find there some stories, and simple craft activities. But please come back when you want! Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me.’

Welcome to this service whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or via YouTube at home.

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

Spiritual Communion
While some 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.

Receiving Communion
People will be able to choose whether they wish or not to receive their Holy Communion in the form of wine as well as bread. If you take the chalice, please help the person giving the chalice by guiding the cup to your lips. People are also reminded that we do not allow intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at the Cathedral. Please follow the instructions given by the Stewards who will direct you to a communion station. Gluten-free bread will be available at each station.

Offerings
Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. A collection will be taken by the Stewards during the offertory hymn. Please do Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer by completing the required details on the envelopes provided. There are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you need assistance with these devices please do ask a steward or verger. For those worshipping at home, you can text SPIRES to 70191 to give £10, or visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate.
Posture
The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with.

Refreshments
At the end of the service refreshments are available in the North Transept. We do hope that you will join us for a time of fellowship together.

Photography and Livestreaming
Whilst we ask that members of the congregation do not take photographs or video of our worship, please note that at some of our services our Cathedral volunteer photographers will be taking photographs. We are also livestreaming to Facebook or YouTube many of our services. Whilst we do our best to not film the congregation for the livestream, please do let us know if this is a particular issue for you and we will assist by letting you know where you can sit so that you do not appear on screen.

Music
Our service is sung today by the Cathedral Choir conducted by the Director of Music, Ben Lamb. The organ is played by the Assistant Director of Music, Martyn Rawles. The setting for the Eucharist is the Missa O Quam Gloriosum, by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611).

Preparation before the Service
The time before the service you are invited to keep as a period of quiet preparation for worship. You might find the following prayer useful:

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please join in whatever is printed in bold type.
INTROIT HYMN 232 Sine Nomine

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness, still their one true Light. Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine! we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest: sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array: the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

W Walsham How 1823-1897

THE GREETING

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you And also with you.
Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God’s saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

*Please sit as the President offers further words of welcome and then says,*

God calls, his call is to each one of us, it is personal and universal,
an invitation to all humanity to meet him here.
God calls us to meet him here in the feast prepared by his Son.
God calls, his call is to each one of us.
His call is both personal and universal.

**THE RITE OF PENITENCE**

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*Hebrews 12.1*

*A cantor sings each petition,*
*then the choir sings the Kyrie/Christe which all repeat:*

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

\[\text{Kyrie eleison.}\]

(Lord, have mercy)

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:

\[\text{Christe eleison.}\]

(Christ, have mercy)

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

\[\text{Kyrie eleison.}\]

(Lord, have mercy)
ABSOLUTION

The Lord enrich you with this grace,
and nourish you with this blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (choir)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, 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:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sit
A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A short period of silence is kept.*
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Stand as the choir sings Alleluia which all repeat*

\[\text{Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!}\]

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light.  

1 Peter 2.9

**All sing Alleluia again**

**Turn towards the reading of the Gospel in the middle of the Nave.**

**GOSPEL READING**  Matthew 5.1-12

\[\text{The Lord be with you. And also with you.}\]

\[\text{Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.}\]

\[\text{Glory to you, O Lord.}\]

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

A fanfare is sounded to honour the reading of the Gospel.
Sit
SERMON
Stand
NICENE CREED, sung to the setting by John Merbecke

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sit

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Stand

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.

The Deacon of the Gospel says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange the peace with their neighbour.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

A collection is taken to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Please give as generously as you are able and, if you are a UK taxpayer, use the Gift Aid envelopes provided.
OFFERTORY HYMN SP117  Lobe Den Herren

Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
   with them proclaim
   Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.

Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
   who from the grave
   rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.

Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
   on to the end,
   Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.

Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
   now in that Name,
   Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Remain standing

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united 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. 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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus (choir)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

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.

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 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.

Sit

THE LORD’S PRAYER

With saints and martyrs through the ages, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, ‘Alleluia.’
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving their communion, and worshipping with us from home. We invite those in the Cathedral to pray quietly for them as the President leads them in prayer.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping online)

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. Please follow the directions given by the Stewards who will indicate which communion station you should go to. If you do not normally receive communion, please do come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. Gluten free hosts are available at each station for those who require them.

AGNUS DEI (choir)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us; grant us peace.
**MOTET**  O Quam Gloriosum est Regnum - *Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)*

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti! Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

O how glorious is the kingdom, in which all the saints rejoice with Christ; vested in white stoles, they follow the lamb, wherever he may go.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Sit*

Let us pray:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
  as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
  to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**NOTICES**

**HYMN 227  Paderborn**

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events, to turn them God’s way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone’s cross or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares: what
patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

The Lord be with you: and also with you.

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. Amen.

And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Deacon of the Gospel says

Following God’s saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

Please do stay for refreshments, these are served in the North Transept.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in D – Franz Schmidt (1874-1939)

Later today:
15:30 Choral Evensong

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