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Choral Eucharist
The Second Sunday
of Epiphany
16th January 2022
10:30

President

The Revd Canon Gregory Platten
Canon Chancellor

Preacher

The Very Revd Adrian Dorber
Dean

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 to this service whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or via YouTube at home. It is good that we can come together both virtually and in person to offer our Eucharist, our offering of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God. Today, we continue our celebration of this Christmas season.

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. ***Please wear a face mask or covering at all times in the Cathedral, unless you are exempt.***

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 by the vergers and stewards who will direct you to a communion station. Gluten-free hosts will be available on request at each station.

Music

The organ is played by the Assistant Director of Music, Martyn Rawles, and the service will be sung by the Cathedral Choir, conducted by the Director of Music, Ben Lamb. The setting is Spatzenmesse by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)

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.

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.

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. A collection will be taken by the Stewards during the offertory hymn. Additionally, 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 steward or vergier for assistance. For those worshipping at home, you can text SPIRES to 70191 to give £10, or visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate

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Preparation before the Service

In the time leading up to the start of the service you are invited to keep this as a period of quiet reflection and preparation for worship. You might find the following prayer useful:

*Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Please join in whatever is printed in **bold type**.*

Stand, if you able, as the hymn is sung and the procession moves through the Cathedral to the Nave sanctuary

THE GATHERING

INTROIT HYMN 474 *St Denio*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W Chalmers Smith 1824-1908

1 Timothy 1.17

Remain standing

THE GREETING

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

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.
The Lord bless you.

Please be seated as the president offers words of welcome and then continues

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is to be made ready for those who love him
and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book,
Wild Goose Publications, 2001*

A moment of silence is kept.

THE RITE OF PENITENCE

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh
and splendour of the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

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.*

Remain standing

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 62.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A short period of silence is kept

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

The choir sings Alleluia which all repeat

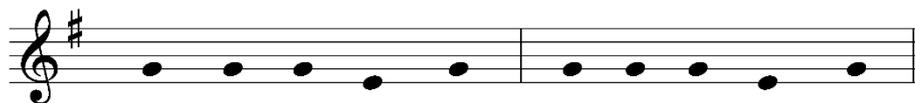


Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

cf 1 Timothy 3.16

*All sing **Alleluia** again*

GOSPEL READING John 2.1-11



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

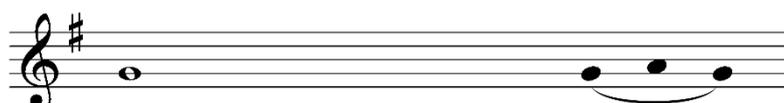


Hear the
gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to John.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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

A moment of silence is kept

Stand, if you are able

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

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

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.
2 Corinthians 5.17

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 a sign of 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 GiftAid envelopes provided.*

HYMN 90 *St Edmund*

**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.**

2. Manifest at 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.

3. 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.

4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.

5. 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.

Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885
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TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing

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 honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
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:

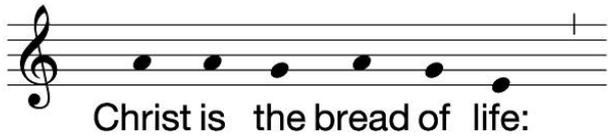
SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*choir*)

*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.*

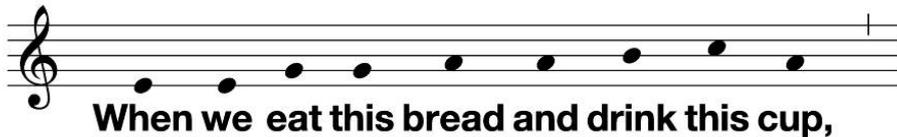
Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.



Christ is the bread of life:



When we eat this bread and drink this cup,



we pro-claim your death, Lord Je-sus,



un - til you come in glo - ry.

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

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 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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving their communion.

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. Please follow the directions given by the vergers and 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, please let the priest know if you require one.

AGNUS DEI (choir)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us; grant us peace.*

MOTET The Three Kings – Peter Cornelius (1824-74)

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.

*How brightly shines
the morning star!
With grace and truth
from heaven afar
our Jesse tree
now bloweth.*

*Of Jacob's stem
and David's line,
for thee, my Bridegroom,
King divine,
My soul with love
o'erfloweth.*

*Thy word, Jesu,
inly feeds us,
rightly leads us,
Life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such
love o'erflowing.*

Remain seated

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Stand

HYMN 497 *Luckington*

1. Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

2. Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

George Herbert 1593-1633

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and 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

Go in the peace of Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor. BWV 543
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)