



LICHFIELD
CATHEDRAL

Choral Eucharist

21st May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday after Ascension Day
With the Admission of a Server

10:30



President

The Revd Canon Gregory Platten
Canon Chancellor

Preacher

The Revd Dr Canon David Primrose
Canon Treasurer

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 during this Easter 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.

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 the each station.

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.

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.

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 *Spatzenmesse*, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

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:

*Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*



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

THE GATHERING

Stand

INTROIT HYMN 172 *St Magnus*



**The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name, an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Remain standing

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2.9,10

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:



(Lord, have mercy)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:



(Christ, have mercy)

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:



(Lord, have mercy)

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, 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.*

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1.6-14



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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



Go, and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord, and remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

All sing Alleluia again

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

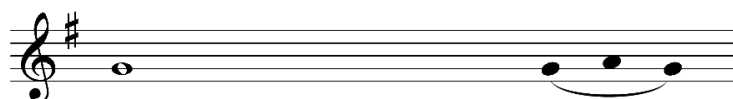
GOSPEL READING

John 17.1-11

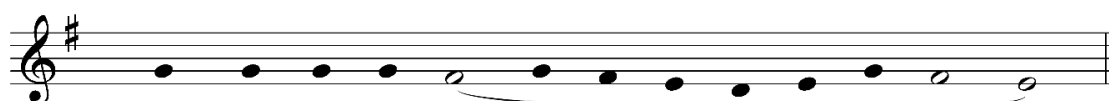
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**Hear the
gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to John.**Glo - ry to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.



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, 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.

Sit

THE ADMISSION OF A SERVER

The Head Server and Jaymie who is to be admitted to the office of server come and stand before the Interim Dean. The Head Server presents the new server saying

Interim Dean, I present to you Jaymie Gillday to be formally admitted to the Guild of Servers in this Cathedral Church.

The Dean addresses Jaymie

Through their ministry in the Sanctuary,
servers assist those who lead the worship of the Church so that,
all things being done decently and in order,
the whole people of God may be enabled
to offer the sacrifice of praise to the glory of his name.

Do you believe that God has called you to this ministry?

Jaymie answers : I do.

Will you therefore be faithful in worship, prayer and Christian living?

Jaymie answers : I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you be reverent at all times in the house of God,
and diligent in the performance of your duties?

Jaymie answers : I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you respect the lawful authority of the Dean and Chapter,
and of those set over you in this ministry?

Jaymie answers : I will, the Lord being my helper.

All stand

The Interim Dean addresses the congregation

You have heard the resolve of Jaymie.
Is it your will that he should be admitted to his duties
in the Guild of Servers in this Cathedral Church?

All respond: It is.

Will you therefore uphold him in your prayers and by your fellowship?

All respond: We will.

The Interim Dean says Jaymie

Jaymie, I admit you to membership of the Guild of Servers
in this Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Chad.

God grant that you who serve him here on earth
may come to stand before his throne and serve him in heaven
where songs of praise for ever sound
to the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Blessed be God for ever. 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

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia.

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 163 *Miles Lane*



1. **All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
to crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.**

2. **Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
*and crown him ...***

3. **Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
*and crown him ...***

4. **Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
*and crown him ...***

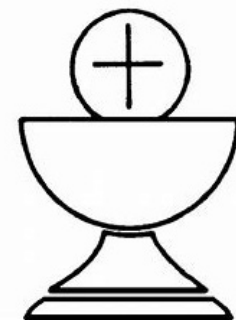
5. **Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
*and crown him ...***

Edward Perronet (1726-1792) and others

Remain standing

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same 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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

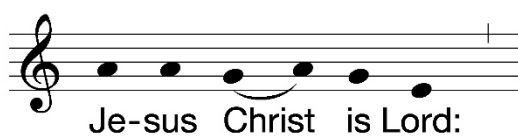
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*choir*)

*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.

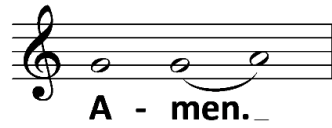


And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

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



Sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 If ye love me — *Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sit

Let us pray:

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Stand

HYMN 363 *Abbot's Leigh*



**We believe in God the Father,
God Almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**3. We believe in God the Spirit;
in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and Friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Remain standing

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE ACCLAMATION

Christ has gone up on high.

Alleluia.

God raised Christ from the dead
and enthroned him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

God put all things in subjection beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the Church.

We died, and our life lies hidden with Christ in God.
We set our minds on things above.

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,
we too will be revealed with him in glory.

cf Ephesians 1.20,23; Colossians 3.1-4

Christ has gone up on high.

Alleluia.

The Deacon of the Gospel dismisses the people saying

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

March on a theme of Handel – *Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

Refreshments are served following the service in the North Transept

Later today

13:30-14:10 Romsey Male Voice Choir (Nave)

Free concert, with retiring donations

15:30 Choral Evensong

Responses:	<i>Lamb</i>
Canticles:	<i>Collegium Regale - Howells</i>
Anthem:	<i>God is gone up – Finzi</i>
Organ Voluntary:	<i>Prelude and Fugue in D BWV 532 - Bach</i>

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