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**Choral Eucharist**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
*during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

**10:30**

**President**

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*Canon Precentor*

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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.



## **WELCOME TO LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL**

*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 Holy Communion**

People will though be able to choose whether they wish or not to receive their Holy Communion in the form of wine as well as bread. There is no pressure to receive, and people should do as they feel most comfortable; recognising that some may wish to not receive from the chalice. 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 vergers and stewards who will direct you to a communion station. Gluten-free hosts will be available at 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](http://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 *Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo*, by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

## **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 all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

## **THE GATHERING**

*Stand*

**INTROIT HYMN 396** *t.CP530 Nun Danket*

**Christ is the world's true light,  
its captain of salvation,  
the daystar clear and bright  
of every land and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
where peoples own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.**

In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord,  
lands shall forsake their fear,  
to ploughshare beat the sword,  
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name  
unite us all who own thee;  
cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone thee;  
the world has waited long,  
has travailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of peace, and reign.

*George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)*

## THE GREETING

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

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated as the President offers further words of welcome, concluding*

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.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

We have come together as God's family  
to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church  
and for the renewal of our common life.  
The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.  
In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

## THE RITE OF PENITENCE

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

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:



*(Lord, have mercy)*

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:



(Christ, have mercy)

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:



(Lord, have mercy)

## ABSOLUTION

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **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.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your apostles,  
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':  
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church  
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;  
where you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 36:23-28

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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*



‘May all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me,’ says the Lord.

*John 17.21*

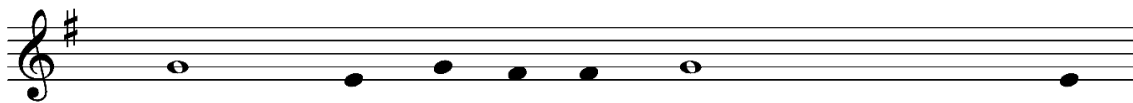
*All sing **Alleluia** again*

*Turn towards the reading of the Gospel*

**GOSPEL READING** John 17: 11b-23



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



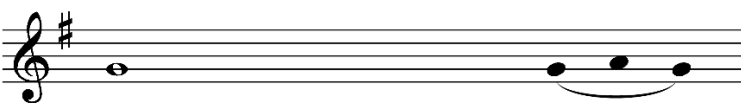
Hear the  
gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to John.



**Glo - ry to you, O Lord.**

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



This is the Gospel of the Lord. \_\_\_



**Praise to you, O Christ.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Sit for the SERMON*

*Stand*

**CREED** *sung in the arrangement of 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 all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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 Gift Aid envelopes provided.

### OFFERTORY HYMN 318 *Song 1*

**O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy church might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done':  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the church which still that faith doth keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

*William Turton (1856-1938)*

### **TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one;  
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.  
**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.  
**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

*Remain standing*

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**



The\_ Lord be\_ with\_ you. And\_ al - so\_ 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.\_

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, your only Son,  
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,  
you willed to reconcile all creatures.  
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,  
that bound together by one faith and one baptism  
we might become his body.

Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples  
to work marvels by innumerable gifts  
and an abundant variety of graces.  
Gathering us together in unity,  
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,  
filling the whole Church with his presence  
and guiding it with wisdom from above.  
And so, with steadfast love, we proclaim your glory  
and join with hosts of angels in their triumphant 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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the spirit,  
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

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

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*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 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.*

**AGNUS DEI** *(choir)*

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

**MOTET** *Beati quorum via — Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

Beati quorum via integra est,  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*Psalm 119*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

Eternal God and Father,  
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,  
as he is one with you: draw us closer to him,  
that in common love and obedience to you  
we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit,  
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NOTICES

Stand

### HYMN AHON 432



All are wel - come,  
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.\_\_\_\_\_

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and a symbol of God's grace;  
here as one, we claim the faith of Jesus:

*All are welcome...*

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
*All are welcome...*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*All are welcome...*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
pray'rs of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
*All are welcome...*

*Marty Haugen (b.1952)*

*Remain standing*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

### THE BLESSING

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

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,  
to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly;  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.

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 G BWV 541

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1683-1750)*

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