



**LICHFIELD**  
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**Choral Eucharist**  
**18 July 2021**  
**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
**10:30**

**President**

The Revd Canon Gregory Platten  
*Canon Chancellor*

**Preacher**

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane  
*Canon Custos*

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.*

### **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. Please wear a face mask or covering at all times in the Cathedral.

### **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 remain in your seats and the sacrament will be brought to you. You are welcome to stand or sit to receive your communion, as you feel most comfortable. Gluten-free hosts will be available on request.

### **Music**

There is no congregational singing allowed at this time and we are also asked to speak softly. The organ is played by the Organ Scholar, Liam Condon. Members of the Chamber Choir are conducted by the Assistant Director of Music, Martyn Rawles. The setting is the Messe des pecheurs de Villerville *Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

## **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**

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 vergger for assistance. 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)

## **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.*

*Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

## **THE GATHERING**

*Stand as the clergy enter*

### **THE GREETING**

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

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

*The President offers further words of welcome, and then says*

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*

## **THE RITE OF PENITENCE**

*A moment of silence is kept.*

‘How often have I longed to gather your children,  
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,’ says the Lord,  
‘but you would not come to me.’

Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, 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:

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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**      Jeremiah 23.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!  
says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel,  
concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have  
scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not  
attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says  
the Lord.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A short period of silence is kept*

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Choir)*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.*

*No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.*

*cf John 14.6*

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 6.30-34, 53-end.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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**

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*

Peace to you from God who is our Father.  
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.

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*

*Please sit as the choir alone sings*

## OFFERTORY HYMN CP317 Innsbruck

*O food to pilgrims given,  
O bread of life from heaven,  
O manna from on high!  
We hunger; Lord, supply us,  
nor thy delights deny us,  
whose hearts to thee draw nigh.*

*O stream of love past telling,  
O purest fountain, welling  
from out the Saviour's side!  
We faint with thirst; revive us,  
of thine abundance give us,  
and all we need provide.*

*O Jesus, by thee bidden,  
we here adore thee, hidden  
in forms of bread and wine.  
Grant when the veil is riven,  
we may behold, in heaven,  
thy countenance divine.*

*Latin, 17<sup>th</sup> century tr. J Athelstan Riley 1858-1945*

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## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

*Stand*

## 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.  
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.  
All that you reveal of your glory, the same we believe of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
Three Persons we adore,  
one in being and equal in majesty.  
And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever of your glory:

**SANCTUS** (*choir*)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Blessed Mary the Virgin,  
Chad our Patron and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Sit*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so we have the courage to say:

**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. The sacrament will be brought to you in your place by one of the priests.*

*Please feel free, as you feel most comfortable, to sit or stand to receive your communion. Gluten free hosts are available for those who require them, please let the priest know if you require one. Those who do not normally take communion will be offered a blessing.*

**AGNUS DEI** (*Choir*)

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

**MOTET** Notre Père (Our Father), Op. 14, - *Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)*

*Remain seated*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**NOTICES**

*Stand*

**THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain standing as the clergy depart and then please be seated.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Postlude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons,  
from Six Short Preludes and Postludes (Second Set), Op. 105  
*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*



*Please take this order of service with you  
for reflection and prayer during this week*

## **LATER TODAY**

### **Choral Evensong 17:30**

*Responses:* Aston

*Canticles:* Durham Service – Christopher Totney

*Anthem:* 'Eins bitte ich vom Herren' - Heinrich Schutz

## **THIS WEEK – DAILY SERVICES**

### **Morning Prayer 08:00**

*(Lady Chapel and Online)*

### **Daily Eucharist 12:30**

*(Lady Chapel and Online)*

### **Evening Prayer 17:30**

*(Lady Chapel and Online)*

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 – Evensong 17:30**

*with the Installation of*

*the Rt Revd Matthew Parker, Bishop of Stafford*

*as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral*

## **NEXT SUNDAY – ST JAMES, THE APOSTLE**

### **Said Eucharist with Homily 08:00**

*(Traditional Language)*

### **Choral Eucharist 10:30**

*President: The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane*

*Preacher: The very Revd Adrian Dorber*

### **Evening Prayer 17:30**

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