REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
12 NOVEMBER 2023
15:30
SOLEMN REQUIEM EUCHARIST

Celebrant
The Revd Canon Andrew Stead
Canon Precentor

Preacher
The Revd Canon Gregory Platten
Canon Chancellor

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

You are very welcome to the Cathedral as we gather together for a Solemn Requiem Eucharist on this Remembrance Sunday. The service acknowledges honestly the loss of life by so many people during the times of war and conflict and it also recalls the effect of those deaths on those who were their families, friends and communities. A Requiem Eucharist brings us face to face with the loving mercy of God and the hope of heaven.

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.

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 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 Communion Service – Collegium Regale by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrows up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

Laurence Binyon.

Please join in whatever is printed in bold type.

Stand, if you are able, as the hymn is sung and the Clergy and choir enter and the altar is censed.
THE GATHERING

**HYMN 427 Alleluia Dulce Carmen**

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care & goodness fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span.

4. You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan b. 1929
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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.

*Remain standing as the president offers words of welcome, introduces the liturgy and invites us to call to mind our sins.*

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive all that is past; and lead us out of darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.
KYRIE (choir)
Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

THE COLLECT

Remain standing

Let us pray:

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son’s saving passion
and glorious resurrection that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
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

NEW TESTAMENT READING  Revelation 20.11-21.1

A reading from the book of the Revelation.

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened.
Also, another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A short period of silence is kept

Gospel Acclamation

Stand, if you are able

The choir sings Alleluia which all repeat

‘It is the will of him who sent me,’ says the Lord, ‘that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day.’

 cf John 6.39

All sing Alleluia again
Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
**Stand, if you are able**

**NICENE 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.

*Sit*
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

God of mercy,
entrusting into your hands all that you have made
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,
we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Stand, if you are able

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

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 357 St Helen

1. Lord of lords and King eternal,
down the years in wondrous ways
you have blessed our land and guided,
leading us through darkest days.
For your rich and faithful mercies,
Lord, accept our thankful praise.

2. Speak to us and every nation,
bid our jarring discords cease:
to the starving and the homeless
bid us bring a full release;
and on all this earth’s sore turmoil
breathe the healing of your peace.
3. Love that binds us all together
be upon the church outpoured;
shame our pride and quell our factions,
smite them with your Spirit’s sword;
till the world, our love beholding,
claims your power and calls you Lord.

4. Brace the wills of all your people
who in every land and race
know the secrets of your kingdom,
share the treasures of your grace;
till the summons of your Spirit
wakes new life in every place.

5. Saviour, by your mighty Passion
once you turned sheer loss to gain,
wresting in your risen glory
victory from your cross and pain;
now O saviour, dead and risen,
in us triumph live and reign.

Jack C Winslow 1882-1974
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Remain standing

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with all your faithful people, evermore praising you and singing:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (choir)**
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh 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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats of this bread they will live for ever.

Lord, give us this bread always.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

‘I am the bread of life,’ says the Lord;
‘whoever comes to me will never hunger;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.’

‘I am the vine: you are the branches.’

May we dwell in him as he lives in us.

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, please let the priest know if you require one.

AGNUS DEI (choir)
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us; grant us thy peace.
MOTET    The True Glory — Peter Aston (1938-2013)

There must be a beginning of any great matter, but the continuing unto the
end until it be thoroughly finished yields the true glory.
The greatest things are accomplished, and the greatest achievements are won,
by toil and by striving uninterrupted, toil as well of the body as of the spirit.

Stand, if you are able

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity. Amen.

HYMN    482   Ewing

1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjurabilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessèd
are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they, who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessèd country,
the home of God’s elect!
O sweet and blessèd country,
that eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father
and Spirit, ever blest.

Bernard of Cluny 12th century. tr J M Neale (1818-1866)
THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ’s peace. **Amen.**

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 peace:
nor death nor life can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain standing as the choir and ministers return to the vestibule.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Where the birds sing

*Grace-Evangeline Mason (b.1994)*
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