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# **Patronal Eucharist of Saint Chad**

## **First Bishop of Lichfield: 669-672**

**1 March 2026 - 10:30**

**President**

**The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave. O.B.E. - The Bishop of Lichfield**

**Preacher**

**The Revd Canon Dr Gregory Platten - Canon Chancellor**



# ***ALL ARE WELCOME ... THIS IS YOUR CATHEDRAL....***



*Welcome to this service whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or via YouTube at home as we commemorate St Chad.*

*Welcome to your Cathedral. If you're here with small children, we're very glad to see you! It's good to have you with us and joining in the worship. If you'd like one, there are activity bags with simple activities for children and a sheet with activities that follow the readings you'll hear in the service today - please ask the stewards who welcomed you for one. If you, or your child, needs some time out, you can use St Stephen's Chapel - straight ahead and to the left of the large hanging cross, near the large font. It has green walls and two entrances. **Parents and carers are asked to accompany children at all times.** There you'll find some stories, and simple craft activities. But please come back when you want! Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.' To our worshippers here without children: children are a sign that the Body of Christ is growing, and a reminder that God is always doing a new thing. Please greet parents, carers and children with a smile.*

## **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.

## **IT COSTS £5000 EACH DAY TO KEEP THE DOORS OF THE CATHEDRAL OPEN**

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### **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 many of our services via Facebook or YouTube. 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 *Collegium Regale* by Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

### **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:

*Lord God, we thank you for the gift of this holy place,  
set apart by the devotion of generations to be a house of prayer for all people.  
Be with all those who are with us at this time,  
that they may come to know more deeply the love you have for them,  
the call for which you fashioned them before their birth,  
and your vision of a creation renewed by your infinite grace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

## THE GATHERING

*Stand*

INTROIT HYMN 380 *Evelyns*



**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now:  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:**

**Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

Caroline M Noel 1817-1877  
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### THE GREETING

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

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

*Please sit as the President offers further words of welcome and then says,*

## THE RITE OF PENITENCE

*We rejoice in God's generous invitation and call to mind the times when we have failed to accept it.*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**  
**help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;**  
**that we may do justly, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life.

**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:

Almighty God,  
from the first fruits of the English nation who turned to Christ,  
you called your servant Chad  
to be an evangelist and bishop of this people:  
give us grace so to follow his peaceable nature,  
humble spirit and prayerful life,  
that we may truly commend to others  
the faith which we ourselves profess;  
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 52.7-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.



This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL TRACT**

*Stand as the choir sings the following, which the people repeat*



**Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry.**

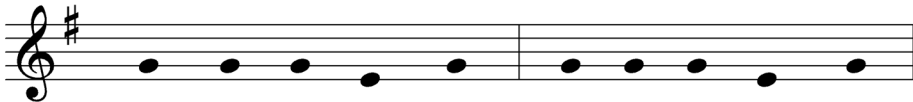
Blessed are those who have endured temptation;  
they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

*James 1.12*

*All sing the response again.*

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

**GOSPEL READING**      Matthew 11.25-end



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



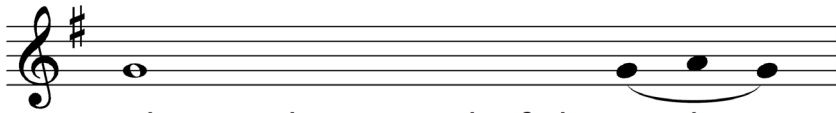
Hear the  
gospel of our Lord Je - sus Christ according to Mat - thew.



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

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'



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*

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Kneel or sit*

Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*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*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*Romans 5.1, 2*

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 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 586 *Leoni*



1. **The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
Jehovah, great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confest;  
we bow and bless the sacred name  
for ever blest.**
2. **Though nature's strength decay,  
and earth and hell withstand,  
to Canaan's bounds we urge our way  
at his command:  
the watery deep we pass,  
with Jesus in our view;  
and through the howling wilderness  
our way pursue.**
3. **The goodly land we see,  
with peace and plenty blest:  
a land of sacred liberty  
and endless rest;  
there milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life for ever grow,  
with mercy crowned.**
4. **There dwells the Lord our King,  
the Lord our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world of sin,  
the Prince of peace:  
on Sion's sacred height  
his kingdom he maintains,  
and glorious with his saints in light  
for ever reigns.**
5. **Before the Saviour's face  
the ransomed nations bow,  
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace  
for ever new;  
he shows his prints of love  
they kindle to a flame,  
and sound through all the worlds above  
the slaughtered Lamb.**
6. **The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'  
they ever cry:  
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,  
(I join the heavenly lays)  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.**

Thomas Olivers 1725-1799  
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## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
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.**

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 your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty  
for you have given us a share with Chad  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
In the darkness of this passing age  
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.  
Chosen as lights in the world, they surround our steps  
as we journey on towards the city of eternal light  
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.  
In communion with angels and archangels  
and all who have served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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. **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**

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

### **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, 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** *The Spirit of the Lord* — Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;  
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,  
to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;  
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they might be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified.  
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,  
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;  
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring forth before all nations.  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel.*

*Isaiah 61*

*Remain seated for the Communion hymn, which is sung quietly and reflectively as Holy Communion is received.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 110 Song 13**



**1. Jesu, grant me this, I pray,  
ever in thy heart to stay;  
let me evermore abide  
hidden in thy wounded side.**

**2. If the world or Satan lay  
tempting snares about my way,  
I am safe when I abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.**

**3. If the flesh, more dangerous still,  
tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
naught I fear when I abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.**

**4. Death will come one day to me;  
Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
dying let me still abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.**

Henry Williams Baker 1821-1877  
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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Kneel or sit*

Let us pray:

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal  
the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share with your servant Chad and all your saints  
in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**NOTICES**

*Stand*

*During the hymn, the procession will make its way to the Shrine of our Patron.  
If you are able, please follow on behind the Choir and Clergy.*

**HYMN 538** *Wolvercote*



**1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**3. O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**2. O let me feel thee near me:  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**4. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

**5. O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

J E Bode 1816-1874  
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## A THANKSGIVING FOR SAINT CHAD

For Chad, first Bishop of Lichfield and co-patron of this Cathedral Church: **Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, humble disciple of Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, fearless preacher of the Gospel: **Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, tireless worker for the coming of the Kingdom:  
**Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, prayerful monk and faithful priest: **Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, who sought unity in a divided Church: **Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, who through the grace of the Spirit brought many to Christ:  
**Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, who prays for us and we with him and all the host of heaven:  
**Thanks be to God.**

For Chad, whose spirit lives in holy ones today,  
for all who seek to walk as he has walked,  
to love as he has loved and to seek the Lord in his holy temple:  
**Thanks be to God.**

*A short silence is kept*

### THE COLLECT OF THE PATRON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
by whose providence your blessed servant Chad  
was sent here to be Bishop of your Church;  
grant that we who have entered into the spiritual heritage  
which he left in this place,  
may like him be inspired to devote ourselves wholly to your service,  
and ever to maintain the virtue of love  
and of peace one with another,  
and towards all the faithful;  
through the grace of him who is the Prince of Peace,  
our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
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.**

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sortie (Mass of a Medieval Saint)

*Malcolm Williamson (1931-2003)*

*Please do stay for refreshments, these are served in the North  
Transept.*



## **LATER TODAY**

**15:30 Festal Patronal Evensong  
including the Presentation of St Chad Medals  
and the Commissioning of Members  
of the Community of St Chad**

*Sung by the Cathedral Choir  
Evening Service in E – Watson  
Geistliches Lied - Brahms*

## **MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

**St Chad's Day**

**17:30 – Festal Choral Evensong  
with Commemoration of Benefactors**

*Sung by the Cathedral Choir  
Evening Service in A - Stanford  
Cantique de Jean Racine - Fauré*

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