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.
ALL ARE WELCOME … THIS IS YOUR CATHEDRAL....

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 join 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. There you’ll find there 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.

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 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 by Goring Chamber Choir. The setting for the Eucharist
is the Mass Setting by Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760).

Prayers for Healing
Following this service today there is the opportunity to receive the Ministry of
Healing. Priests will be available at the Shrine to offer prayer with the laying
on of hands and anointing.

Preparation before the Service

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please join in whatever is printed in bold type.
THE GATHERING

Stand

INTROIT HYMN CP610 Oriel

1. To the name of our salvation, 
laud and honour let us pay, 
which for many a generation 
hid in God’s foreknowledge lay, 
but with holy exultation 
we may sing aloud today.

2. Jesus is the name we treasure, 
name beyond what words can tell; 
name of gladness, name of pleasure, 
ear and heart delighting well; 
name of sweetness passing measure, 
saving us from sin and hell.

3. Tis the name that whoso preacheth 
speaks like music to the ear; 
who in prayer this name beseecheth 
sweetest comfort findeth near; 
who its perfect wisdom reacheth 
heavenly joy possesseth here.

4. Jesus is the name exalted 
over every other name; 
in this name, whene’er assaulted, 
we can put our foes to shame: 
strength to them who else had halted, 
eyes to blind, and feet to lame.

5. Therefore we in love adoring, 
this most blessèd name revere; 
holy Jesus, thee imploring 
so to write it in us here, 
that hereafter heavenward soaring, 
we may sing with angels there.

Latin, c 15th century
tr. J M Neale (1818-1866)

Remain standing

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, 

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Please sit as 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

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate,
let us call to mind our sins.

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love
in 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:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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** 1 Kings 19.9-18

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At that place Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.
Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

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*

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children.

All sing *Alleluia* again

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

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 14. 22-33

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.
But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sit

Hear us: Hear us, good Lord.

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

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 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 CP324  Divine Mysteries

1. Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home, lo, round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesu, to thee our voice we raise in songs of love and heartfelt praise: sweet Sacrament divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home for every heart, where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart; there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery: sweet Sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean’s roar, within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore; save us, for still the tempest raves, save, lest we sink beneath the waves: sweet Sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine, earth’s light and jubilee, in thy far depths doth shine the Godhead’s majesty; sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, that earthly joys may fade away: sweet Sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

Remain standing

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. 
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. 
Blessed be God for ever.
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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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.

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

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

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

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 Ave verum corpus — William Byrd (c.1540 –1623)

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the Cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet O, gentle, Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Kneel or sit

Let us pray:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
NOTICES

Stand

HYMN CP437  t.CP362 Woodlands

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
Go forth and tell! God’s saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God’s love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God’s good gifts — let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

James E Seddon (1915-1983)

Remain standing

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,
bring you to the triumphant joy of the city of the great King;
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
Please do stay for refreshments, these are served in the North Transept.

Later today:
15:30 Choral Evensong

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