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**Choral Eucharist  
with Holy Baptism  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
10:30**

**President**

The Very Revd Adrian Dorber  
*The Dean*

**Preacher**

The Revd Canon Andrew Stead  
*Canon Precentor*

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 to offer our Eucharist, our offering of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God. We particularly welcome Sophie Rebecca Abigail and her family today as she comes to be baptised. Please do pray for her, her parents, siblings and her Godparents on this joyous occasion.*

## **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. Facemasks or coverings, in line with government guidance, are no longer mandatory in the Cathedral but please feel free to wear one if you wish.

## **Spiritual Communion**

Whilst 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 of the Holy Communion.

## **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 just yet. 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.

## **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.

## **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 vergier. 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.

## **Music**

The organist the Assistant Director of Music, Martyn Rawles, and the service is sung by the Cathedral Choir, conducted by the Director of Music, Ben Lamb. The setting is the *Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo* by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

## **Preparation before the Service**

In the time before the service you are invited to keep this as a period of quiet preparation for worship. You might find the following prayer useful:

*Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

## THE GATHERING

*Stand*

**INTROIT HYMN 391** *Franconia*

1. **Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.**

2. **The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King;**

3. **Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.**

4. **Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.**

John Keble (1792-1866) and others  
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*Remain standing*

### 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 be seated as the President offers further words of welcome,  
and then says*

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.*

The Gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

## THE RITE OF PENITENCE

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

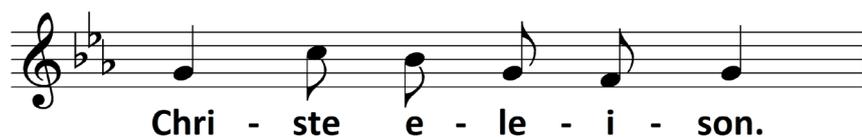
Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father.



*(Lord, have mercy)*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord Jesus, your word is a light to our path.



*(Christ, have mercy)*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Lord Jesus, you are the good shepherd,  
leading us into everlasting life.



*(Lord, have mercy)*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## 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.*

*Remain standing*

## **THE COLLECT**

Let us pray:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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** Amos 6.1a,4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

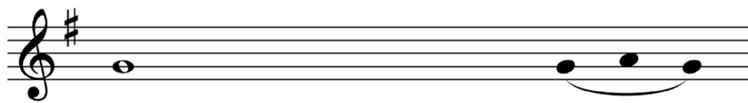
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A short period of silence is kept*



He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’



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**

*Remain seated*

## **THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

*Sophie is presented to the congregation.*

*The president addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number  
those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Sophie  
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The president then says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents,  
the Church receives this child with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.  
Will you pray for her,  
draw her by your example into the community of faith  
and walk with her in the way of Christ?

*Parents and godparents:* With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Sophie begins her journey in faith.  
You speak for her today. Will you care for her  
and help her to take her place within the life and  
worship of Christ's Church?

*Parents and godparents:* With the help of God, we will.

## **THE DECISION**

*The Paschal (Easter) candle, lit at the Easter Vigil, reminds us that in baptism we receive the light of the Risen Christ.*

*The president addresses the parents and godparents:*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*Parents and godparents:* I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*Parents and godparents:* I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

*Parents and godparents:* I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*Parents and godparents:* I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*Parents and godparents:* I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*Parents and godparents:* I come to Christ.

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

*The president makes the sign of the Cross on Sophie's forehead with the Oil of Catechumens, blessed by the Bishop, saying*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

*The president then says*

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

*Water is poured into the font and the president says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.  
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.  
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.  
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.  
By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.  
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Stand*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH (THE CREED)**

*The president addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters,  
I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

*The president baptises Sophie in water, saying*

Sophie Rebecca Abigail, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The president anoints Sophie with the Oil of Chrism, saying*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

## **COMMISSION**

*The president addresses the congregation, parents and godparents*

We have brought Sophie to baptism  
knowing that Jesus died and rose again for her  
and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer.  
We have prayed that in Jesus Christ  
she will know the forgiveness of her sins  
and the new life of the Spirit.

As she grows up,  
she will need the help and encouragement  
of the Christian community,  
so that she may learn to know God  
in public worship and private prayer,  
follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith,  
serve her neighbour after the example of Christ,  
and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ,  
we all have a duty to support Sophie  
by prayer, example and teaching.  
As her parents and godparents,  
you have the prime responsibility  
for guiding and helping her in her early years.  
This is a demanding task  
for which you will need the help and grace of God.  
Therefore let us now pray for grace  
in guiding Sophie in the way of faith.

*A moment of silent prayer for Sophie is kept*

God of grace and life,  
in your love you have given us a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole creation  
will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **THE WELCOME**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Sophie, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.  
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*The congregation greets Sophie as a member of the Universal Church with  
applause.*

## **GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE**

*The president may give to parents or godparents a lighted candle,  
lit from the Paschal candle, saying*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE PEACE**

*Stand*

We are the Body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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.

## 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 GiftAid envelopes provided.

### 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.

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## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Father, 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.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

## 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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again, you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore 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 God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with Blessed Mary the Virgin,  
Chad our Patron and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and 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 people respond*



*Sit*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
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

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 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)

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

**MOTET**     *Ave verum corpus — Elgar (1857-1934)*

*Ave verum Corpus, natum De Maria Virgine; Vere passum, immolatum In Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum Unda fluxit sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei.*

*Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary; who truly suffered, immolated upon the Cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood; may we taste thee before we enter the trial of death. O sweet, O faithful, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me.*

*Organ music may be played until the ministers have returned to their places after cleansing the altar vessels.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Sit*

Let us pray:

Keep, O Lord, your Church,  
with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

**NOTICES**

*Stand*

**HYMN 612** *Fulda*

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward J Burns *b.1938*  
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*Remain standing*

**THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 as the organist plays the  
Voluntary.*

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