Choral Eucharist
during the Lichfield Festival
9th July 2023 - 10:30
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

President
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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 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 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 Mass in G, by Franz Schubert (1797-1828) and we welcome the musicians who will be accompanying the communion setting.

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.

Please join in whatever is printed in bold type.
INTROIT HYMN CP 101  St Bernard

1. All ye who seek for sure relief  
in trouble and distress,  
whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
or guilt the soul oppress.

2. Jesus, who gave himself for you  
upon the Cross to die,  
opens to you his sacred heart:  
O to that heart draw nigh.

3. Ye hear how kindly he invites;  
ye hear his words so blest:  
“All ye that labour come to me,  
and I will give you rest.”

4. O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
thou hope of sinners here,  
attracted by those loving words  
to thee we lift our prayer.

5. Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood  
which from thy heart doth flow;  
a new and contrite heart on all  
who cry to thee bestow.

Latin, 18th century tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

THE GREETING

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

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

Please sit 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.

THE RITE OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, ‘A new commandment I give you,  
that you love one another, as I have loved you.’  
Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept his love,  
and to share it with others.
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.

\[ \text{Kyrie eleison.} \]

(Lord, have mercy)

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

\[ \text{Christe eleison.} \]

(Christ, have mercy)

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

\[ \text{Kyrie eleison.} \]

(Lord, have mercy)

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God’s truth, strengthen you to do God’s will and give you the joy of his kingdom, 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.
**The Collect**

Let us pray:
Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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**  
Zechariah 9.9-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
   Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
   triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
   and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
   and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
   and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
   I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
   today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Your words gladden the heart, O Lord; they give light to the eyes.

All sing Alleluia again

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

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.’

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
Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name 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.
Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
“I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic Feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
**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. Grant this for your name’s sake. **Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus:  Dy-ing you des-tyred our death,
ri-sing you re-stored our life:  Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

The people respond:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours 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

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

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 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 mostmerciful 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 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary; who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for humankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood; let this [sacrament] be to us a foretaste [of heaven] before we enter the trial of death. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Kneel or sit

Let us pray:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

Stand
HYMN 467  St Peter

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
   It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
   ‘tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place,
   my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King,
   my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
   but when I see thee as thou art, I’ll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
   and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

   John Newton (1725-1807)

Remain standing

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
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.

Those who wish to take part in the prayers for Healing and Anointing should make their way to the Shrine altar.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Marche Triomphale (‘Nun danket alle Gott’)
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
Later today:
15:30 Choral Evensong
with the Valediction of members of the Choral Foundation.

Responses:     Rose
Canticles:     Collegium regale – Wood
Anthem:        Blest pair of sirens – Parry
Organ Voluntary:  March and Finale - Parry

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