



**LICHFIELD**  
CATHEDRAL



# **Choral Eucharist**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 10.30**

## **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**President**

The Revd Canon Dr Gregory Platten – *Canon Chancellor*

**Preacher**

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane – *Dean-designate*

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 this service whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or via YouTube at home during this Trinity season.*



*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. 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.*

### **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 vergier.

## **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 Choir of St Chad's College, Durham. The setting for the Eucharist is the Communion Service in G by Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

## **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:

*Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

## THE GATHERING

*Stand*



INTROIT HYMN 455 *Cwm Rhondda*

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

Welsh, William Williams 1717-1791

### 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.**

*Sit as the President offers further words of welcome, concluding*

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*

*A moment of silence is kept.*

## 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 moment of silence is kept.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **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,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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 2 Kings 4.42-44



A reading from the second book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." ' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A short period of silence is kept.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Stand*

*The choir sings Alleluia which all repeat*

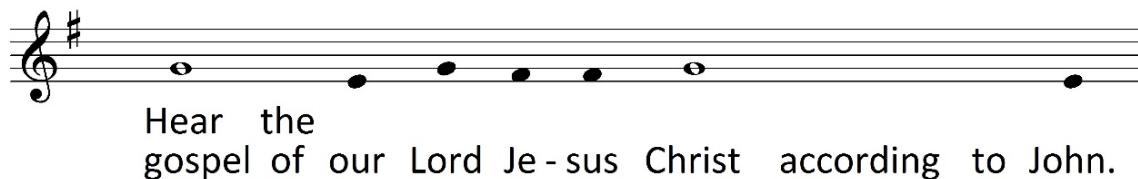
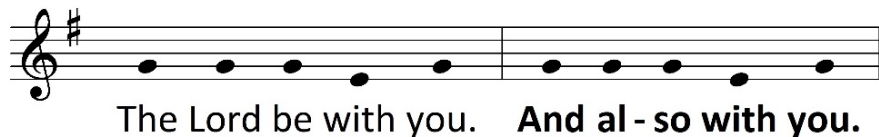


Teach me your paths, my God; make me walk in your truth.

*All sing **Alleluia** again*

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

## GOSPEL READING      John 6.1-21

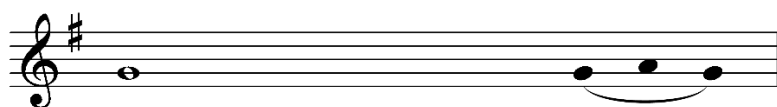


After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.'

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.



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 in the arrangement of John Merbecke*

We believe in one God, **the Father almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,**  
**begotten of his Father before all worlds,**  
**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,**  
**begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,**  
**by whom all things were made;**

**who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,**  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,**  
**and was made man,**  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,**  
**and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,**  
**and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.**  
**And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:**  
**whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,**  
**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,**  
**who with the Father and the Son**  
**together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.**

**And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.**  
**And we look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*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.**

*Stand*



## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

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

*Bread and wine are carried through the congregation and presented at the altar, together with prayer slips that have been left at the Shrine of St Chad during the week.*

*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 301 *Blaenwern*

**1-God is here! As we his people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of his Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**

**2-Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**3-Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.**

**4-Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel,  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe.**



## 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

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

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels and all the power of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise.

## 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.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

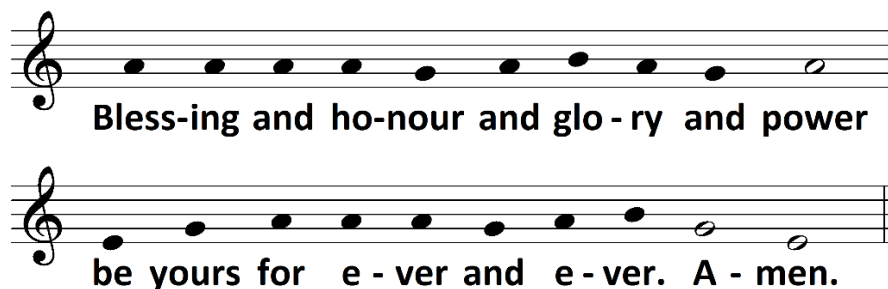
Praise to you, Lord Jesus  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**Rising you restored our life:**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Bring us at the last with Blessed Mary the Virgin,  
Chad our Patron and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*The people respond:*



Bless-ing and ho-nour and glo - ry and power  
be yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

*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** *View me Lord – Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)*

View me, Lord, a work of thine;  
Shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.  
Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
At thine altar, pure and white;  
They that once thy mercies feel,  
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Remain seated*

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 in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NOTICES

*Stand*

**HYMN 627** *t227 Paderborn*



**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
and honour and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

*Remain standing*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 organist plays the voluntary  
and 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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