THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 27th March 2022
11.15am
Welcome
Welcome to worship in the Cathedral in this ever-changing Covid-19 era. Following the Government’s announcement of the further easing of restrictions from Monday 28th February the protocols below remain in place and are designed for the protection of all who come to the Cathedral.

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During Services
There will still be no physical exchange of the Sign of Peace. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed, bread only, at the Crossing. Clergy will sanitise their hands and wear a mask for distribution.

Musical Setting
Missa brevis in D – W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

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THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

All stand for the
HYMN OF THE PROCESSION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul’s shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven’s bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict’ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish c 8th century; Tr Mary Byrne 1880-1931; Versified Eleanor Hull 1860-1935

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

The service is introduced.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Penitence
The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace:

*The Kyries are sung*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*All say:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Absolution is pronounced.*

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Lord God
whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

_Sit for_

The First Reading

Joshua 5: 9-12

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
The Choir sings

**PSALM 30**

1. I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me.

2. O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me.

3. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.

5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

6. In my prosperity I said, ‘I shall never be moved. You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.’

7. Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed.

8. To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my supplication:

9. ’What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

10. ’Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.’

11. You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

12. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

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*Sit for*

**THE SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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*Stand for the*

**HYMN OF THE GRADUAL**

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings within, and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve: Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown has broken every barrier down), Now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

The Gospel

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Luke, chapter fifteen, beginning at verse one.

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the Gospel
Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All sing: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The hymn continues
Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove, here for a season then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789 - 1871)

Sit for
The Sermon
Rev. Ted Ardis - Dean’s Vicar

Stand to say
The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel or sit for
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The following response is used at the end of each petition:
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:
Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
Stand for

The Peace

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.

Stand to sing

The Hymn at the Offertory

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unction, grace bestoweth: and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the lengths of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

*H. W. Baker (1821 - 1877)*

Celebrating at the Lord’s Table

The Preparation of the Table

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 Taking of the Bread and Wine
Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts:
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to overcome our temptations.

And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Sanctus and Benedictus are sung.
Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin;
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:
On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him; Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: 

Our Father who art in heaven ...

**The Breaking of the Bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ We, being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.

*The Agnus Dei is sung.*
THE COMMUNION
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Choir sing the
COMMUNION MOTET
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.
And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
Words: Isaiah 53: 6; Music: G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759) (from Messiah)

THE GREAT SILENCE
Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the
POST-COMMUNION HYMN
In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
whate’er your race may be;
who serves my Father as a son
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham (1852 - 1941)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS
Father,
through your goodness we are refreshed through your Son
in word and sacrament.
May our faith be so strengthened and guarded
that we may witness to your eternal love
by our words and in our lives.
Grant this for Jesus’ sake, our Lord. Amen.
Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING  
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves,  
to take up your cross,  
and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY  
O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross, BWV 622 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain in your seat in silence until the Organ Voluntary is over.