THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 13th 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 - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 - 1594)

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The Gathering of God's People

All stand for the
Hymn of the Procession

The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise and seek the joys
at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One,
they all exulting stand,
and tell the wonders he has done
throughout the land:
The listening spheres attend,
and swell the growing fame,
and sing in songs which never end
the wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!'
Who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.
The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high:
‘Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost’
they ever cry:
Hail, Abraham’s God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers (1725 - 1799) Based on the Hebrew Yigdal

Greetings
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
Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Sit for

The First Reading
Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

At the end of the reading the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings
Psalm 27: 1-13

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2. When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh:
they stumbled and fell.

3. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:
and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4. One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

5. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

6. For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter:
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.
7. And now shall he lift up my head:
   above my enemies round about me;
8. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness:
    I will sing and make music to the Lord.
9. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call:
    have mercy upon me and answer me.
10. My heart tells of your word, ‘Seek my face’:
    Your face, Lord, will I seek.
11. Hide not your face from me:
    nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
12. You have been my helper:
    leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
13. Though my father and my mother forsake me:
    the Lord will take me up.

Sit for

THE SECOND READING
Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1

At the end of the reading the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand for the

HYMN OF THE GRADUAL
Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah’s seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet’s ear.
Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:
‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord’

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels’ cry,
‘Holy, Holy, Holy,’ singing,
‘Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.’
With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

**The Gospel**
*Luke 13: 31-35*

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Luke, chapter thirteen, beginning at verse thirty-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*
‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given’
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord’

*Richard Mant (1776 - 1848)*

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

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

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

Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.
Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

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.

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)*

**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 triumph 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
Light of the world - Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

The Great Silence
Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

Going Out As God’s People

Stand to sing the
Post-Communion Hymn
Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
what social joys are there,
what radiance of glory,
what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
con jub liant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessèd
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.
O sweet and blessèd country,  
shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessèd country,  
shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes!  
The Lord shall be thy part:  
his only, his for ever,  
thou shalt be, and thou art!  

vv 1-3 Bernard of Cluny 12th century  
Tr J.M. Neale (1818 - 1866)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS
Creator of heaven and earth,  
we thank you for these holy mysteries  
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which we receive your grace  
and are assured of your love,  
which is through him now and for ever. 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
‘Allegro moderato e serioso’ from Organ Sonata no. 1 – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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