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Cathedral Eucharist

Trinity 16

27th September 2020

at 10.00am

President: Canon Sarah Fenby

Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford

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**Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before
him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

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GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

OPENING RESPONSES

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.
Let everything that has breath;
praise the Lord!

cf Psalm 148



PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate
the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess
our sins.

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness
we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips
to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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ABSOLUTION

May God

who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive you your sins

and make you holy

to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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**All the clear commands of Jesus
must be heeded and obeyed;
full provision for our weakness
in his teaching he has made;
in the gospel words and symbols
saving truth to us conveyed.**

**All the time he will be with us,
always, to the end of days;
with his own believing people
who keep steadfast in his ways;
God the Father, Son, and Spirit
bless us and to God be praise!**

Christopher Idle (born 1938)

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HOLY GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

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EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus
Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have
created all things;
who was sent by you in your great
goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh;
as your Son,
born of the blessed Virgin,

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he lived on earth
and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms
for us on the cross;
he put an end to death
by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection
by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will
and won for you a holy people.

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

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth
are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee,
O Lord most high. Amen.*

*Blessed is he
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his
death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made
once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate
this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you
this bread and this cup
and we thank you
for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence
and serve you.

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LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

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ANTHEM

Fair is the Heaven

William Harris

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you
with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal



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BLESSING

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

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

