



# WELCOME

We welcome you to this beautiful church in the heart of the city for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This cathedral is the seat of the Bishop of Chester and the core of a Christian community that has worshipped here and worked together for over 1100 years. It is a place where the mission of the church is to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

In this and every Eucharist we warmly invite Christians of all denominations to receive bread and wine of holy communion. Gluten-free wafers are available - please indicate to a vergier before the service if you require one or ask at the rail. Those who prefer not to receive are invited either to approach the altar at the time of communion for a personal blessing or to remain in their seats.

An induction loop system is in operation: hearing aids should be switched to the 'T' position. Please ensure that all mobile telephones and devices are silenced before the service begins.

Throughout this order, indications of where the congregation should stand, sit or kneel are given in **red** and for guidance only; please feel free to follow your usual practice if this is different. During the service the congregation are invited to pray the words in **Bold Type**.

Toilets, including facilities for the disabled are available off the Cloisters. The stewards will be happy to give you directions. If you have children with you they will be welcome to take part in Sunday groups or Creche: please ask for directions.

## GIFT AID

If you are a United Kingdom taxpayer, the value of the collection today will be significantly enhanced if you put your offering into one of the Gift Aid envelopes. In doing so, for every £1 you generously give, the cathedral will receive £1.25 which goes directly back into providing our worship.

# THE GATHERING

*All stand and sing*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

- 1 **Saint Luke, beloved physician,  
with honour now recall,  
who served his Master's mission,  
who ministered to Paul;  
whose skill to distant ages  
bequeathed a gift unpriced,  
a gospel in whose pages  
we see the face of Christ.**
  
- 2 **He tells for us the stories  
of Jesus here on earth,  
the unsung pains and glories  
that marked the church's birth;  
the Spirit's power in preaching,  
the contrite sinner freed,  
the grace and mercy reaching  
our deepest human need.**
  
- 3 **For all who work our healing  
we lift our hearts in prayer,  
the love of God revealing  
in science, skill and care:  
his gifts be still imparted  
to those who make us whole,  
like Luke the tender-hearted,  
physician of the soul.**

*Timothy-Dudley Smith (born 1926)*  
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ELLACOMBE  
*Württemberg Gesangbuch (1784 Hofkapelle)*

## GREETING

*The President says*

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

## OPENING RESPONSES

We come to worship God in our need,  
**bringing with us the wounds of the world.**  
We come to God, who meets us in Jesus,  
**and reconciles us to him through his blood.**  
We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come;  
**God has promised never to turn us away.**

*All sit or kneel*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*The Deacon introduces the Confession and all then respond*

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

*The President says*

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not holding our sins against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

*All stand*

## GLORIA

*The choir sings*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

35. 3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN

*As the Procession moves to the centre of the Nave, all turn to face the Gospel*

- 1 **Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 2 **Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 3 **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.**
- 4 **Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**5 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.**

**6 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)*

MISERICORDIA  
*Henry Smart (1813-79)*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 10. 1-9  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All sit*

## **SERMON**

*After the sermon, a short silence is observed; all then stand*

## 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 from the Holy Spirit  
and 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.**

*All sit or kneel*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*After each petition the following response may be used*

Lord in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All stand*

### **PEACE**

*The President says*

Peace to you from God our Father who hears our cry.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ whose death brings healing.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life and strength.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR**

*The President says*

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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.**

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.

And now we give you thanks  
that your glory is revealed in Luke and all the saints.  
In their lives you have given us an example of faithfulness to Christ.  
In their holiness we find encouragement and hope.  
In our communion with them we share the unity of your kingdom.

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:

*The choir sings*

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.

*The President continues*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the  
earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Luke, Mary and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*All sit*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
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.**

## **BREAKING OF 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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*The choir sings*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## **COMMUNION MOTET**

Give us the wings of faith

Ernest Bullock

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you, not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand*

## BLESSING

*The President says*

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;  
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 says*

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

## THE DISMISSAL

- 1 To God be the glory! Great things He hath done;  
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in:**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son;  
And give Him the glory;  
great things He hath done!***

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

- 3 Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

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