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Cathedral Eucharist

Last Sunday after Trinity

25th October 2020

at 10.00am

President: Canon Jeremy Dussek

Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford

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HYMN

**Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.**

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**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

John Marriott (1780-1825)



PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions
of the heart.

All is open and laid bare
before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.

We confess our sins
in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 4.12

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May your loving mercy
come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation
according to your word:
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me
that I may live,
for your law is my delight:
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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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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Glory in the highest
to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people
through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father,
thanks and praise we bring,
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king;
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king.

Jesus Christ is risen,
God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners,
all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy,
now receive our prayer;
show us now your mercy,
now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour,
high and holy One,
seated now and reigning
from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you!
Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory,
all the praise be yours;
in the Father's glory,
all the praise be yours!

Christopher Idle (born 1938)
after Gloria in Excelsis
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COLLECT

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read,
mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience,
and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold
fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us
in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



THE OLD TESTAMENT

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

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‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Matthew 24. 30-35

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

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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.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition the following response
is used*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



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PEACE

Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts

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

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Lord Jesus,
you nourish us
at the table of your word
and the table of your sacrament;
as we feed on you, the bread of life,
may we daily grow into your likeness.
Amen.

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

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness
Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom
of your people.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts
we may feed on Christ with opened
eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast
in heaven where all creation worships
you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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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

*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.*

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ANTHEM

Mine eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the
hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people
with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us
by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



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BLESSING

Go now in peace,
knowing that you have been born again,
not of perishable seed,
but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word
of God;
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.

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**You're the Word of God the Father,
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of Your voice:
let the skies declare Your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!**

**Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You stilled the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered
that the guilty may go free.**

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