

WELCOME

We welcome to Chester Cathedral! 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.

Seating and Safety

Please respect the spaces of others and if you'd avoid being too close to others, then take a RED RESERVED sign and place this on the seat next to you.

The wearing of Masks is still encouraged to uphold everyone's safety. Please wear a mask when singing the hymns.

Order of Service

We're a paperless Cathedral and are working environmentally to avoid wasting paper. The service can be downloaded to your device at <https://chestercathedral.com/services-and-sermons/>

Alternatively, a summary of the service with the Hymns, readings and responses are available on the screens

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Children

If you have children with you they will be welcome to take part in Sunday groups; please ask for directions.

Receiving Communion

We warmly invite Christians of all denominations to come and receive bread at the distribution of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available - please indicate to the priest if you require one. Those who prefer not to receive are invited either to come forward for a blessing or to remain in their seats.

Giving in thanks

Due to Covid restrictions, there is no collection taken; donations can be left in the giving box at the back, via the Donation Contactless Machines or on line www.justgiving.com/campaign/ChesterCathedral

THE GATHERING

- 1 Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.
- 2 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
artist's craft and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.
- 3 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

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4 Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

ANGEL VOICES
Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

THE GATHERING

Greeting

The President says

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

Prayer with children

Opening Responses

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
**his greatness is beyond
all searching out.**

One generation shall praise
your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty
of your glory,
**and will tell of all
your wonderful deeds.**

They shall speak of the might of your
marvellous acts,
and will also tell of your greatness.

They shall pour forth the story
of your abundant kindness
**and joyfully sing of your
righteousness.**

THE GATHERING

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

Compassion and forgiveness
belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness
and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins
in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal,
giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us
out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

THE GATHERING

Absolution

The President says

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.**

THE GATHERING

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, rex coelestis, Deus pater omnipotens, Domine fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, agnus Dei, filius patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum sancto spiritu, in Gloria Dei patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

O God, for as much as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

New Testament

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
4. 12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his
wounds,
and drives away his fear.
- 2 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.
- 3 `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)

SAINT PETER
Alexander Reingle (1799-1877)

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except
through me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark. 10. 17-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You

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lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,

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who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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

Sermon

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Paul Hunter, Tower Captain, says

Dean Tim, I present this bell to be consecrated and baptised with thanksgiving.

Dean Tim says

I thank you for your presentation.
The Cathedral receives this bell with gratitude.
May the Lord bless it with his grace.

Holy and eternal God,
heaven and earth proclaim your glory!
Holy and eternal God, heaven and earth proclaim your glory!

Let us pray:

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
through your goodness
we offer this bell to your service;
created of metal from the earth
and designed and cast by human hands,
may it ring out to summon those who hear
them to your love and wisdom. **Amen.**

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Dean Tim makes a cross with the oil of chrism on the collar of the bell saying:

May this bell be sanctified and consecrated in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in honour of Saint Elizabeth.

We give thanks for the generosity of those who have enabled this gift; may it be a blessing to the cathedral, community and city.

Make all your people joyful and grant that the praise and service we offer may be perfected when we come to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**As a congregation,
we dedicate ourselves
to the glory of God,
our lives ringing out in praise
and calling all people
to worship the One
who rejoices in heaven
at the joy of all believers. Amen.**

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Canon Jeremy says

Bless O Lord this bell now cast,
that with love and skill
it will become a voice that will last
for centuries to come,
calling people to hope
in the faith of Christ
which shapes the cope.
Now removed, the core is revealed
to create the sound to be pealed.
So cast and shaped by the strickle
may this art be one that makes ears tickle
for the Cathedral that leads us to prayer;
may all that now may happen,
be done with thy care.

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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.

At the end

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

The President says

God calls us to peace:

in God's justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to be God's people:

in Christ is our peace.

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

Preparation of the Altar

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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Eucharistic 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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us
into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught
us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice,
mercy and peace.

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As we watch for
the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

The choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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The President continues

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign
with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
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.

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In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Therefore we proclaim the death
that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns
at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one,
perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit
let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering
in your sight.

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Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy
hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church
with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends
of the earth to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation
is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers
and praises into one,
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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Breaking of the Bread

The President says

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

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.**

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Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

Communion Motet

Give almes of thy goods Christopher Tye

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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.**

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THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
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.

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Join us for Coffee after the service

In the Refectory Cafe, which is just off the Cloisters.

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