

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 Holy, Spirit, ever present,
bearer of the Father's grace,
owning as his sons and daughters
saints from every time and place:
now inspire your suffering people,
by the passion of the Son,
with the pledge of truth and justice
when creation's work is done.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever present
in the groaning of the earth,
by your unremitting labours
bring your heart's desire to birth.
Join with all your praying people,
sighs that words cannot express;
bring us to that special freedom
born of truth and holiness.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever present,
hoping at the heart of pain,
hover over rampant chaos,
make creation new again.
Where the victims of injustice
hope for what they cannot see,
keep us open to the promise
of a future just and free.

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.

Opening Prayer with children

Opening Responses

We stand before the throne of God
with his Holy men and women;
saints, martyrs,
prophets and priestly people
**from every nation and race,
tribe and language.**

Blessing and glory and wisdom,
**thanksgiving and honour,
power and might**
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE GATHERING

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

Christ calls us
to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him
both mercy and forgiveness.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us
according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us
to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Absolution

The President says

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image to the praise
and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GATHERING

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.

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Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son
was revealed to destroy
the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power
and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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.
9. 24-end

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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- 1 Jesus call us!-in the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice is sounding
saying, 'Christian, follow me!'
- 2 As of old, apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and
kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us-from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each rival that would claim us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'
- 5 Jesus calls us!-by your mercies,
Saviour, make us hear your call,
give to you our heart's obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Mrs Cecil F Alexander (1818-95) SAINT ANDREW
Edward Thorne (1834-1916)

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of man.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark. l. 14-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'
And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat

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mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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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.**

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**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.**

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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

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts
in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus
with his saints.

cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

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

Preparation of the Altar

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us
in the breaking of the bread.

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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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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

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.**

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Agnus Dei

The choir sings

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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

Communion Motet

Lord me know thy end

Maurice Greene

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Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life
for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

Christ our King
make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
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 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown,
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

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