

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.

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

Music

Communion Setting:

Mass for Five Voices, William Byrd

Communion Motet:

Thou knowest, Lord, Henry Purcell

WELCOME

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 and wine 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.

COLLECTION

The Cathedral costs in excess of £5,500 a day to keep open, and we urgently need your support with the loss of our regular income because of Covid19.

We invite you to generously give to ensure our future.

A cash collection will be taken during the service; donations can otherwise be left with cash or

the Donation Contactless Plates

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Via the Cathedral Website

www.chestercathedral.com/donate

On the Screen (for online viewers)

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We really do need your help to make sure that services like this one can continue and that we can keep the doors open for everyone, so please donate generously.

THE GATHERING

- 1 Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race;
great High Priest who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead,
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 Lord, as you have lived for others,
so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted,
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of sea and land,
we but stewards of your bounty
held in trust at your command.
- 3 Come, Lord Jesus, reign among us,
King of Love, and Prince of Peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
Yours the prayer and yours the purpose
that your people should be one;
grant from heaven our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Somerset Lowry (1855-1932)

BLAENWERN

William Rowlands (1860-1937)

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.

Children's Prayer

Opening responses

Gracious God,
Your gifts surround us
in all stages of our lives
and in all circumstances of our lives.

**Help us to trust you
for what we need.**

Help us to call on you for the strength
we need for the tasks you call us to,
so that we are faithful to the end.

Help us to give with joy.

We gather now to offer our worship to
you.

**We bring our prayers and praises,
our open ears and our willing hearts.
Amen.**

All sit

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Prayers of Penitence

*The Deacon introduces the Confession
and all then respond*

Together we confess that a generous spirit does not always accompany our acts of giving.

**Merciful God,
we can hardly imagine
not longing to be wealthy or
wealthier.**

**We fear we won't have enough
or that we aren't enough.**

**We don't trust you
to provide what we need.**

God, you have been faithful.

**Strengthen our trust
in your good gifts to us.**

You know our needs.

**You know what it takes
for the tasks you have called us to.**

**Help us be satisfied
when our needs are met and be joyful
when we can share with others.**

Amen

All stand

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 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 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.

THE GATHERING

Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

Generous and loving God,
we offer you thanks and praise
as we recognise that all we receive
comes from you.

Guide us as stewards of your abundance,
and caretakers of all
you have entrusted to us,
that with thankful hearts
our faithful stewardship will bear witness
to your glory.

In Jesus Christ's name,

Amen.

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah.

31. 27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will

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put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke. 18. 1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice

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to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

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

All sit

Sermon

All stand

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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.**

All sit

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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.**

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

The President says

We are all one in Christ Jesus
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

cf Galatians 3. 28

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

Preparation of the Altar

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer
our sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

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- 1 All-creating heavenly Giver,
bringing light and life to birth;
all-sustaining heavenly Father
of the families of earth:
We, your children, lift our voices
singing gladly of your love:
never-ending are the praises
rising to your throne above.
- 2 Ever-living Lord and Saviour,
breaking chains of sin and shame;
ever-loving Intercessor,
prayers are answered in your name:
We, your servants liberated
at a fearful ransom-price,
in your kingdom are united
by that mighty sacrifice.
- 3 Life-conceiving wind of heaven,
breathing gifts upon us all;
life-enhancing Spirit, given
to enrich us, great and small:
We, whose talents widely differ.
now restore to you your own,
and in true thanksgiving offer
all we are before the throne.

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4 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessing all within your hand:
full the cup that we inherit,
firm the ground on which we stand:
We, your people, undeserving
of the grace you freely give,
now and ever, in thanksgiving
to your praise and glory live.

Michael Seward (1932-2015)

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C Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Preparation of the Altar

The President says

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
through your goodness
we have our time and skills to offer.
Fruit of our lives and experience.
They will become tools
to be used for your glory.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

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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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

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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.*

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.

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The President continues

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.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

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Therefore, Father,
with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us
and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

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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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.**

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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

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

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Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
you taught us by your Son Jesus Christ
that all our possessions come from you:
help us to be faithful stewards of our time,
our talents and our wealth,
and to consecrate gladly to your service
a due proportion
for all that you have given us.
Take us and make us your own;
for Jesus Christ's sake.
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 God is the giver
of all things that are;
worlds without end
were fashioned by his hand,
from earth's foundations
to the furthest star,
in splendour shining,
countless as the sand.
- 2 God is the giver:
from his love derive
each conscious being,
all our life and breath,
by whose sustaining care
we live and thrive,
our strong deliverer
at the gates of death.
- 3 God is the giver,
always, everywhere,
through every harvest
that the world affords;
so may we learn
the gifts of God to share:
we are but stewards,
earth is still the Lord's.

THE DISMISSAL

- 4 God is the giver,
for he gave his Son
to bear with us
our nature and our pain,
who on the cross
our forfeit freedom won,
who from the grave
to glory rose again.
- 5 God is the giver:
he it is who showers
such gifts upon us,
worthy of a King.
All things through Christ
in life and death are ours;
have we no gifts
of thankfulness to bring?
- 6 O God the giver,
in your hands we place
our wealth, our time,
and all we call our own.
Take now our love,
transform us by your grace,
for all we have
and are is yours alone.

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William Henry Monk (1823-89)

THE DISMISSAL

Dismissal of Clergy, Servers and Choir

The President says to them

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord,
thanks be to God.

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