

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:

The Leicester Service Herbert Sumsion

Communion Motet:

Ave verum corpus Grayston Ives

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

a sidesperson can help you with this.

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 Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.
- 2 When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.
- 3 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?
- 4 Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying!
- 5 O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)

RAVENSHAW

William Henry Monk (1823-89)

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 responses

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and will fulfil it.
to keep your righteous judgements.
I am troubled above measure
**give me life, O Lord, according to
your word.**

Accept the freewill offering of my mouth,
O Lord,
and teach me your judgements.

cf Psalm 119 (105-8)

All sit

THE GATHERING

Prayers of Penitence

*The Deacon introduces the Confession
and all then respond*

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.

cf Hebrews 4.12

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

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.

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.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah. 45.
22-end

Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in
righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.'

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

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. 4. 16-24

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the
captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

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

All sit

Sermon

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

- 1 Thanks to God whose Word was -
- spoken
in the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation,
his the fires that tried her worth.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.
- 2 Thanks to God whose Word incarnate
glorified the flesh of man.
Deeds and words and death and rising
tell the grace in heaven's plan.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.
- 3 Thanks to God whose Word was -
- written
in the Bible's sacred page,
record of the revelation
showing God to every age.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

4 Thanks to God whose Word is -
- published
in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished
by the change of time or place.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.

5 Thanks to God whose Word is -
- answered
by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking: God is speaking:
Praise him for his open Word.

R T Brooks (1918-85)

ST HELEN

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George Martin (1844-1916)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Preparation of the Altar

The President says

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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:

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Post Communion Prayer

The President says

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

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.

The Deacon says

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

THE DISMISSAL

during which the clergy and congregation are invited to process to the War Memorial

- 1 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!
- 2 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.
- 3 With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading us to heaven.

Stuart Townend (born 1963)

BLAENWERN

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THE DISMISSAL

Act of Memorial

Dean Tim says

As we gather with the Great War Group,
we come today to hold before you
all who have suffered in wars past and
present,
those who return scarred by conflict,
feeling broken and disillusioned
and those who mourn and are fractured
from war.

Remember too
those who act with kindly compassion,
those who risk their own lives
for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war,
continue to work tirelessly for a more
peaceful world.

As we remember them,
we pray for the time
when people of every language, race,
and nation will be brought together
to live in unity and peace.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

A wreath may be laid and silence is held

THE DISMISSAL

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you
those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names
we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes
above the torment
of this broken world,
and grant us the grace
to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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