



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

6th August 2023
10.30 am

President:
The Revd Jonathan Green

Preacher:
The Revd Canon Jane Brooke

WELCOME

We welcome you to Chester Cathedral!
It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

We're a paperless Cathedral and are working environmentally to save paper. The service can be downloaded to your device using the QR code at the back of the nave, or by visiting [Services - Chester Cathedral](#). Hymns, readings and responses will be presented on the screens.

Music

Communion Setting
Communion Service in E major
Harold Darke 1888-1976

Gradual Psalm 97

Communion Motet
Ave verum corpus *Peter Philips c 1560-1628*

Voluntary
Fantasia in C minor BWV 562
J.S. Bach 1685-1750

We are delighted to welcome today The Singers to sing our services.

Throughout the service, where indicated, please only stand if you feel able to do so.

Children

If you have children with you, they are welcome to take part in the activities provided in the nave aisles.

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. If you prefer not to receive you are invited either to come forward for a blessing or to remain in your seat.

We have returned to offering the chalice to every communicant at both communion stations. **Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer yourself.** If you prefer only to receive the wafer, then please do so.

COLLECTION

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Via the Cathedral Website

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We need your help to make sure that services like this one can continue and that we can keep the doors open for everyone. Thank you for your generous contributions.

THE GATHERING

Please stand, if able, to sing

Opening Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

RATISBON

W. H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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

By the appearance on earth
of our Saviour Jesus Christ
**God has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality
to light.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come
**and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.**

For though darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the nations,

the Lord will rise upon you
and his glory will be seen upon you.

Prayers of Penitence

Please be seated.

The Deacon introduces the Prayers of Penitence

When Christ appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.

As he is pure,

all who have grasped this hope
make themselves pure.

So let us confess our sins
that mar his image in us.

We say together

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry

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 grant that we may serve you
in newness of life**

to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Kyrie

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Absolution

The President says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand as the choir sings

The Gloria

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, Jesus 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 the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

We remain standing as the President says

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ
was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses
upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus
he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength
so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come
we may see him as he is;
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

Please be seated.

New Testament reading

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

2 Peter 1.16-19

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Psalm 97

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous : and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Please stand for the Gospel procession

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9.28-36

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

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd Canon Jane Brooke

Please stand if you are able

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.
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.**

Please be seated.

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

The Peace

Please stand. The President says

Christ will transfigure our human body
and give it a form
like that of his own glorious body.
We are the body of Christ.
We share his peace.

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

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Jesus on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising.
Hallelujah!

Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting.
Hallelujah!

Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder!
Hallelujah!

This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him;
first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him!
Hallelujah!

Brian Wren b 1962

*ST ALBINUS
Henry J Gauntlett 1852*

Preparation of the Altar

Holy God,
receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The President says

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.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day he revealed his glory
before his chosen witnesses
and filled with divine splendour
the human flesh in which he is one with us.
So he prepared his disciples
to bear the scandal of the cross
and showed that in the Church, his body,
the same glory would be fulfilled
that shone forth from him, its head.

And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:

The choir sings

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

The President continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread,
gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended
he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all
upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The Deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The President continues

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice
and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ,
and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer can be offered in your own language

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.****

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

The President says

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

*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.*

All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. Sidespeople will direct and assist the congregation in coming forward. The chalice is now offered at both communion stations – please do not intinct (dip) the wafer.

Communion Motet

sung by the choir

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro
homine cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua
et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu
pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for
mankind, from whose pierced side water and
blood flowed: be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy
Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on
me. Amen.*

Trad. 13th century

Peter Philips 1560-1628

Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

Holy God,

we see your glory

in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to

change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

Please stand. The President says

Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father
and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light
and share his 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.

Hymn

The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
to him uplift your voice,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise and seek the joys
at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace:
on Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One
they all exulting stand,
and tell the wonders he has done
throughout the land:
the listening spheres attend,
and swell the growing fame,
and sing in songs which never end
the wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!'
who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'
they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers 1725-99

*LEONI
Meyer Lyon c 1770*

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.

Voluntary

Fantasia in C minor BWV 562

J.S. Bach 1685-1750

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