



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

11.00am

Quire

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## Music before the Service

Louis Vierne (1870-1937),  
Préambule, Prélude, Méditation and Rêverie from 24 Pieces en style libre



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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

<sup>2</sup>Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing, because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.

<sup>3</sup>Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

<sup>4</sup>How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason (c 1645-94)

Tune: COE FEN

AM 663

*The President says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The President introduces*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

*Remain standing to say*

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

*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.**

*Remain standing as the choir sings*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

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 sins of the world: have mercy on 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.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

*Sit*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 50.15-21*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 103.8-13*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :  
long-suffering, and of great goodness

He will not always be chiding :  
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins :  
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :  
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west :  
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :  
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

*Stand as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond*



God has spoken to us through his Son,  
through whom he created the worlds.

**Alleluia.**

## **The Gospel**      *Matthew 18.21-35*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a Gospel fanfare*



*The choir sings*

## **The Motet**

Ego sum panis vitae.  
Patres vestri manducaverunt  
manna in deserto, et mortui sunt.  
Hic est panis de coelo  
descendens: si quis ex ipso  
manducaverit, non morietur.

*I am that bread of life.  
Your fathers did eat manna in the  
wilderness, and are dead.  
This is the bread which cometh down  
from heaven, that a man may eat  
thereof, and not die.*

*Words:* John 6.48-50

*Music:* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c 1525-94)

# **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

## **The Peace**

*Stand*

*The President says*

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another.*

*Remain standing to sing*

**The Offertory Hymn** *during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

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O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

<sup>2</sup>O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

<sup>3</sup>The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

<sup>4</sup>Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

<sup>5</sup>Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

<sup>6</sup>O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Tune: HANNOVER

AM 754

*The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts*

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

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The 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.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
Almighty God and Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.  
Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.  
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.  
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth  
in which your righteousness dwells.  
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
In nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The President says*

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Notre Père...*

*Vater Unser...*

*Onze Vader...*

*Padre Nuestro...*

*Ojcze Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

## Breaking of the Bread

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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.**

*The President says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Sit as the President and other ministers begin*

## The Distribution of Communion

*Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host**.*

*We request that **you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.*

*If you wish to receive communion without climbing the steps to the High Altar, please join the line for the station in the North-East Transept.*

*We keep a **prayerful silence** during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.*

*During Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei*

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, grant us peace.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept*

*Stand as the President says*

Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All then say

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal



Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

<sup>2</sup>Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

<sup>3</sup>Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives.

<sup>4</sup>My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-91)      Tune: DARWALL'S 148th  
and John Hampden Gurney (1802-62)

AM 826

*The President says*

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

## **Organ Voluntary**

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86), Prélude, Suite, op.5

**Tea and coffee will be served in the Lodge following this morning's Eucharist. All are very welcome.**

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12.30pm	Holy Communion	Wednesday & Feast Days
5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Daily

### **Special Service this week**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

12.30pm – Holy Communion – Our Lady Undercroft, Crypt



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