



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist



Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

11.00am

Quire

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

We are grateful to the Hamburg Bach Choir  
for singing our services today

The Choral Setting is  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983), Collegium Regale Communion Service

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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



Ye that know the Lord is gracious,  
ye for whom a corner-stone  
stands, of God elect and precious,  
laid that ye may build thereon,  
see that on that sure foundation  
ye a living temple raise,  
towers that may tell forth salvation,  
walls that may re-echo praise.

<sup>2</sup>Living stones, by God appointed  
each to his allotted place,  
kings and priests, by God anointed,  
shall ye not declare his grace?  
Ye, a royal generation,  
tell the tidings of your birth,  
tidings of a new creation  
to an old and weary earth.

<sup>3</sup>Tell the praise of him who called you  
out of darkness into light,  
broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
strength renewed and hope restored,  
till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
praise and magnify the Lord.

*Words:* Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)

*Tune:* HYFRYDOL

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*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 Deacon introduces*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

*Remain standing to say*

**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.**

*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**

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, 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 Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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**

**Epistle**      *Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 112*

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord :  
he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth :  
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house :  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness :  
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth :  
and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved :  
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings :  
for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is established, and will not shrink :  
until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor :  
and his righteousness remaineth for ever;  
his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him :  
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away;  
the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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



My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.  
I know them and they follow me.

**Alleluia.**

**The Gospel**      *Luke 14. 1, 7-14*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding

banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a Gospel fanfare*

*Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit*

**Sermon**          The Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer

*After the Sermon, a few moments of silence are kept as we reflect on what we have heard and then the choir sings*

## **The Motet**

Tantum ergo sacramentum  
veneremur cernui,  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui;  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque  
laus et iubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio;  
procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

*Therefore so great a sacrament  
let us fall down and worship,  
and let the old law  
give way to a new rite;  
and let faith stand forward  
to make good the defects of sense.*

*To the Father and the Son  
be praise and joy,  
health, honour and virtue  
and blessing;  
and to him proceeding from both  
be equal praise.  
Amen.*

*Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)*

*Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)*

*Following the Motet please stand*

## **The 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 sit or kneel when the President says 'Let us pray'*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*One of these responses is used*

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

**Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And 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

*Stand*

*The President says*

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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.

*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. If you would prefer to give electronically, please use the QR code.*



*When the Thurifer turns to bow to the congregation, all turn to the altar.*



Jesus, good above all other,  
gentle child of gentle mother,  
in a stable born our brother,  
give us grace to persevere.

<sup>2</sup>Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
for us facing every danger,  
living as a homeless stranger,  
make we thee our King most dear.

<sup>3</sup>Jesus, for thy people dying,  
risen Master, death defying,  
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,  
keep us to thy presence near.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,  
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,  
thou to us the truth declarest;  
help us all thy truth to hear.

<sup>5</sup>Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;  
we'll go on with thee beside us,  
and with joy we'll persevere.

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

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

## **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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever 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, Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh 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.

*The Deacon says*

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 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.**

*Notre Père...*

*Vater Unser...*

*Onze Vader...*

*Padre Nuestro...*

*Ojcze Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*Remain standing for*

## **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*

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you,  
and his blood which was shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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*

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.

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand as the President says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
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



Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King;

<sup>3</sup>Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

<sup>4</sup>Lord, we thy blessing seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and others

Tune: FRANCONIA

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*The President says*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

## **Organ Voluntary**

**Tea and coffee will be served in the Clagett Auditorium  
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| 7.30am  | Morning Prayer               | Monday-Friday                          |
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion               | Daily                                  |
| 9.15am  | Morning Prayer               | Saturday, Sunday &<br>Bank Holidays    |
| 11.00am | Sung Eucharist               | Sunday                                 |
| 12.30pm | Holy Communion               | Wednesday                              |
| 12.30pm | Taizé Prayer (In Choir Term) | Monday                                 |
| 5.30pm  | Choral Evensong              | Daily (said with silence<br>Thursdays) |

# **Safeguarding : Do you need to talk?**

**Are you concerned about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult?**

**Or is there something that you would like to discuss that affects you?**

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