



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist

With Commissioning of the Pastoral Team



Creationtide

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

11.00am

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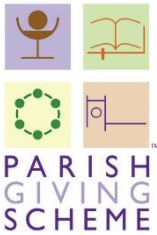
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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night, and hope of every nation,  
Hear and receive thy Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>See round thine ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how thy foes their banners are unfurling;  
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,  
Thou canst preserve us.

<sup>3</sup>Lord, thou canst help when earthly armour faileth,  
Lord, thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;  
Christ, o'er thy rock nor death nor hell prevaieth;  
Grant us thy peace, Lord.

<sup>4</sup>Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;  
Peace in thy Church, where people are engaging;  
Peace, when the world its busy war is waging:  
Calm thy foes' raging.

<sup>5</sup>Grant us thy help till backward they are driven,  
Grant them thy truth, that they may be forgiven;  
Grant peace on earth, and, after we have striven,  
Peace in thy heaven.

*Words:* Philip Pusey (1799-1855)

*Tune:* ISTE CONFESSOR

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*based on the German of M. von Löwenstern (1594-1648)*

*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**

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*Remain standing to say*

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

*The President says*

The Lord enrich you with his grace,  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
**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 sin 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.

*Silence is kept*

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**

### **The Epistle**      *1 Timothy 6.6-10*

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 146*

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord :  
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man :  
for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth :  
and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help :  
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is :  
who keepeth his promise for ever;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong :  
who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison :  
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen :  
the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow :  
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore :  
and throughout all generations.

*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**      *Luke 16.19-31*

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.**

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money:  
'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But

Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

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 Dean

*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**

O salutaris hostia  
quae caeli pandis ostium,  
bella premunt hostilia:  
da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
sit sempiterna gloria,  
qui vitam sine termino  
nobis donet in patria.

*O saving victim  
who opens the gate of heaven,  
hostile wars press on us:  
give strength, bring aid.*

*To the Lord, three in one,  
be everlasting glory,  
for life without end  
he gives us in his kingdom.*

*Words:* Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)

*Music:* William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

*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 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*

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and 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.**

*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.*



Sometimes a light surprises  
the Christian while he sings;  
it is the Lord who rises  
with healing in his wings;  
when comforts are declining,  
he grants the soul again  
a season of clear shining  
to cheer it after rain.

<sup>2</sup>In holy contemplation  
we sweetly then pursue  
the theme of God's salvation,  
and find it ever new:  
set free from present sorrow,  
we cheerfully can say,  
'E'en let the unknown morrow  
bring with it what it may':

<sup>3</sup>It can bring with it nothing  
but he will bear us through;  
who gives the lilies clothing  
will clothe his people too:  
beneath the spreading heavens  
no creature but is fed;  
and he who feeds the ravens  
will give his children bread.

<sup>4</sup>Though vine nor fig-tree neither  
their wonted fruit should bear,  
though all the fields should wither,  
nor flocks nor herds be there;  
yet, God the same abiding,  
his praise shall tune my voice;  
for, while in him confiding,  
I cannot but rejoice.

*Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)*

*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.**

Blessed are you,

Lord God, our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*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.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

*The Deacon says*

Christ is the bread of life:  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death,  
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Thomas of Canterbury and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours 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 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.

*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**

*Stand as the President says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

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 congregation sits, as the Pastoral Care Team members come to stand in front of the Dean*

## **COMMISSIONING OF PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS**

### **Introduction**

The Cathedral's Pastoral Care Team members are to assist the Dean and clergy with whom they serve, in caring for the flock of Christ. They may help in visiting the sick, either at home or in hospital, and the housebound; in consolation of the bereaved; in supporting those in trouble; in bringing God's word of encouragement to those in need of support; and such general visiting as may be entrusted to them from time to time.

Those who are duly licensed by the bishop for this purpose, may also take Communion to the sick and housebound.

### **The Presentation**

I, David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury, present these persons (*names to be read*), to be commissioned as Pastoral Visitors to all who regularly associate themselves with the life of this Cathedral Church of Christ.

### **The Affirmation**

Those presented have undergone pastoral training for this task. I therefore ask you, the people of this Cathedral Church, if you will affirm and uphold them, as they do this ministry on our behalf, and will you keep them in your prayers?

**With the help of God, We will.**

## The Commissioning

*(the Dean addresses those to be commissioned)*

Do you believe that God has called you to assist in the pastoral care of our Canterbury Cathedral communities?

*Pastoral Visitors all respond with the words in bold*

**I believe God has so called me**

Will you strive to fulfil your ministry with love, sensitivity and a caring spirit, keeping ever before you the example of Jesus Christ, our great Shepherd of the Sheep?

## By the help of God, I will

Will you accept the discipline of the Church  
and place yourself under the authority of Jesus Christ,  
in whose ministry you share?

**By the help of God, I will.**

In the name of Christ Jesus and on behalf of the People of God in this Cathedral Church, I commission you to this ministry in our Cathedral Pastoral Care Team.

Receive this badge and certificate as a sign of your ministry.

*Each receives a badge and certificate and then returns to their seat as the congregation stands to sing*



The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

<sup>2</sup>Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

<sup>3</sup>Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

4In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

*Words:* H W Baker (1821-77)

*Tune:* DOMINUS REGIT ME

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*The President says*

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessings 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.**

*The Deacon says*

Tend the earth,  
care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

## **Organ Voluntary**

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

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