



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Sung Eucharist



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

17th March 2024

11.00am

Quire

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The Choral Setting is
William Byrd (c. 1540-1623), Mass for five voices

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The Gathering

A welcome is offered

Stand to sing



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'til all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

²Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine:

³Each new-born soldier of the Crucified
bears on his brow the seal of him who died:

⁴This is the sign which Satan's legions fear
and angels veil their faces to revere:

⁵Saved by the cross whereon their Lord was slain
earth's fallen children their lost home regain:

⁶From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise:

⁷O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

⁸Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

⁹From farthest regions let them homage bring
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

¹⁰Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

¹¹For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Tune: CRUCIFER

AM 707

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

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Remain standing to say

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Remain standing as the choir sings

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 119.9-16

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way :
even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee :
O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart :
that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord :
O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling :
of all the judgements of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies :
as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments :
and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes :
and I will not forget thy word.

The Epistle

Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

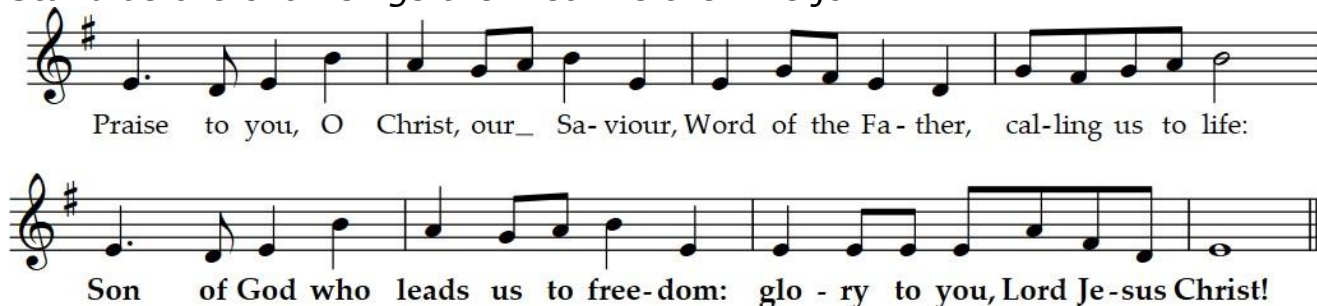
'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';
as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as the choir sings the first line then we join in



You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our future:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life:
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

The Gospel

John 12.20-33

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit

Sermon The Archdeacon of Canterbury

Following the Sermon 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 kneel or 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 choir sings

The Motet

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord,
and Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thy hand, and fillest all living things with plenteousness.

Words: Psalm 145.15-16

Music: Jean Berger (1909-2002)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand

The President says

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through
the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

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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Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.

²Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind.

³Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which from endless torments
did the world redeem.

⁷Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

⁴Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

⁵Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs.

⁶Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

Words: Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune: CASWALL

AM 142

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

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

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.

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

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
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.*

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

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

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 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.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

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.*

After the Agnus Dei, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing, remaining seated



The congregation sings this refrain after each verse. The first time, the refrain is sung by the choir:

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

²O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

³God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

⁴Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

⁵Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Words: A Lent Prose

Tune: Mode v

NEH 507

Prayer after Communion

The President says

Let us pray.

Stand to pray in silence, before the President says

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

All then say

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal



Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that man to judge you has in hate pretended?
by foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted.

²Who was the guilty? who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you;
and I, O Jesus, it was I denied you,
I crucified you.

³See how the Shepherd for the sheep is offered,
the slave has sinned, and yet the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement hangs the saviour bleeding,
God interceding.

⁴For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,
your dying sorrow and your life's oblation;
your bitter passion and your desolation,
for my salvation.

⁵O mighty Saviour, I cannot repay you,
I do adore you, and will here obey you:
recall your mercy and your love unswerving,
not my deserving.

The President says

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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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