Sung Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

21st March 2021

10.30am

Nave
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The Gathering

Before the Service begins the Dean offers a welcome

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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions 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 Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison 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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

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.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the 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.
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.

Stand as the Gospeller says

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Gospel John 12.20-33

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 Dean

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 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

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34.8  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand

The President says

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.
The Offertory

Please sit

During the Offertory the choir sings the offertory hymn

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
   And his sweet praises sing;
   Resounding all the day
   Hosannas to their King.
   Then ‘Crucify!’
   Is all their breath,
   And for his death
   They thirst and cry.

2 He came from his blest throne,
   Salvation to bestow:
   But men made strange, and none
   The longed-for Christ would know.
   But O, my Friend,
   My Friend indeed,
   Who at my need
   His life did spend!

4 They rise, and needs will have
   My dear Lord made away;
   A murderer they save,
   The Prince of Life they slay.
   Yet cheerful he
   To suffering goes,
   That he his foes
   From thence might free.

5 Here might I stay and sing,
   No story so divine:
   Never was love, dear King,
   Never was grief like thine!
   This is my Friend,
   In whose sweet praise
   I all my days
   Could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-83)    Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN    AM 147

Please stand when the thurifer turns to cense the people

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.

The President praises God for his mighty acts

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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

The President recalls the Last Supper

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, 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.

Remain standing for

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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 for

The Distribution of Communion

Please remain seated in your place. Communion will be brought to you by a priest. Please remain seated as you receive Communion.

Please hold out your open hands and the sacrament will be gently dropped into them by the priest in silence. This is the only way you are allowed to receive communion at present, you should not make any contact with the priest’s fingers.

Please ask the priest if you would prefer a blessing or a gluten-free host.

At this time of infectious disease, Communion is distributed in one kind only. The Church of England, together with the whole Catholic Church, teaches that, in receiving in one kind, the entirety of the Sacrament of our Lord’s Body and Blood is received.

We keep a prayerful silence together during Communion as we prepare to receive the sacrament and to pray afterwards.

During Communion, the choir may sing the Benedictus and/or Agnus Dei

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Stand as the President says

Let us pray.

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

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 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 the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Bach, Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671

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