



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist

Mark, Apostle and Evangelist

25th April 2024

5.30pm

President:

The Revd Canon Rosie Woodall

Preacher:

The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford

WELCOME

We welcome you to Chester Cathedral, a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

We're a paperless Cathedral and are working environmentally to save paper. The service can be downloaded to your device using the QR code at the back of the nave, or by visiting [Services - Chester Cathedral](#)

Hymns, readings and responses will be presented on the screens. Hymn books are also available in the stalls.

Music

Communion Setting

The Little Organ Mass *FJ Haydn 1732-1809*

Gradual: Psalm 119: 9-16

Communion Motet

Almighty God, which hast instructed

Thomas Tomkins 1572-1656

Throughout the service, please only stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

Receiving Communion

We warmly invite Christians of all denominations to come and receive bread and wine at the distribution of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest if you require one. If you prefer not to receive you are invited either to come forward for a blessing or to remain in your seat.

Communion will be offered as both bread and wine (separately). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer. If you prefer only to receive the wafer, then please do so.

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THE GATHERING

Opening Hymn

Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious Name.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.

Latin c 7th century

*HAREWOOD
S.S. Wesley 1810-76*

The Lord's Prayer

The President says

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

We say together

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God is one Lord;

and thou shalt love the Lord thy God

with all thy heart,

and with all thy soul,

and with all thy mind,

and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment

greater than these.

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and write all these thy laws

in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect for the King

The President says

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose kingdom is ever-lasting,
and power infinite:
Have mercy upon the whole Church;
and so rule the heart
of thy chosen servant *CHARLES*,
our King and Governor,
that he (knowing whose minister he is)
may above all things
seek thy honour and glory:
and that we and all his subjects
(duly considering whose authority he hath)
may faithfully serve, honour,
and humbly obey him,
in thee, and for thee,
according to thy blessed Word
and ordinance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with thee and the Holy Ghost
liveth and reigneth, ever one God,
world without end.

Amen.

The Collect for the Day

The President says

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
who hast enlightened thy holy Church
through the inspired witness
of thine evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we,
being rooted and grounded
in the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching
both in word and deed;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The New Testament Reading

The first reading is written in the fifteenth chapter of The Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse.

Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 15: 35-end

Here endeth the reading.

Gradual

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.

Please stand if you are able.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St Mark, beginning to read at the fifth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

‘As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy

Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.'

Mark 13:5-13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,**

**and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of the Father.**

**And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth
from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.**

**And I believe one catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins.**

**And I look for the resurrection
of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

Homily

The Dean

The Offertory

Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

St. Matthew 5.16

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn

The Saint who first found grace to pen
the Life which was the Life of men,
and shed abroad the Gospel's ray,
his fame we celebrate today.

Lo, drawn by Pentecostal fire,
his heart conceived its great desire,
when pure of mind, inspired, he heard
and with his hand set forth the Word.

Then, clearly writ, the Godhead shone
serene and fair to look upon;
and through that record still comes power
to lighten souls in death's dark hour.

O holy mind, for wisdom fit
wherein that Life of lives stood writ,
may we through minds of like accord
show forth the pattern of our Lord.

And so may all whose minds are dark
be led to truth by good Saint Mark,
and after this our earthly strife
stand written in the Book of Life.

Laurence Housman 1865-1959

TRURO

Psalmody Evangelica 1789

Please be seated.

Intercessions

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's
Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever living God, who by thy
holy Apostle hast taught us to make
prayers and supplications, and to give
thanks, for all men:

We humbly beseech thee most mercifully
[to accept our alms and oblations, and] to
receive these our prayers, which we offer
unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee
to inspire continually the universal Church
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:

And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors; and specially thy servant Charles our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed:

And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour

all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom:

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:

Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed,
against thy Divine Majesty,
provoking most justly
thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry
for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them
is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord
Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The President says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised
forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance
and true faith turn unto him;
have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words
our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail
and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.

St. John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 St. Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St. John 2.1

Please stand if you are able.

The Preface

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and singing:

The choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

We say together

**We do not presume
to come to this thy table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy table.**

**But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always
to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh
of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Prayer of Consecration

The President says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of thy tender mercy
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the Cross
for our redemption;
who made there (by his one oblation
of himself once offered)
a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation, and satisfaction,
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy Gospel
command us to continue,

a perpetual memory of that
his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father,
we most humbly beseech thee;
and grant that we receiving
these thy creatures of bread and wine,

according to thy Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers
of his most blessed Body and Blood:
who, in the same night
that he was betrayed, took Bread;
and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup;
and, when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood
of the New Testament,
which is shed for you and for many
for the remission of sins:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*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, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world, grant us peace.*

*After the ministers, servers and choir have
received the sacrament, the congregation is
invited to come forward to receive communion.*

Communion Motet

As communion is distributed, the choir sings

Almighty God, which hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark: grant us grace, that we be not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, but firmly to be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for St Mark, Prayer Book of 1559

Thomas Tomkins 1572-1656

The Lord's Prayer

The choir sings

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.

Prayer after Communion

The President says

O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants
entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,
that by the merits and death
of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church
may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.
And here we offer and present unto thee,
O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice
unto thee; humbly beseeching thee,
that all we, who are partakers
of this holy Communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace
and heavenly benediction.
And although we be unworthy,
through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech thee to accept this
our bounden duty and service;
not weighing our merits,
but pardoning our offences,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

Please stand if you are able, as the choir sings

Gloria

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 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, Jesus 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, 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 the Most High, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessing

The President says

The peace of God,
which passeth 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 Ghost,
be amongst you
and remain with you always.

Amen.

Final Hymn

Praise be to God for servants of the word,
John Mark among them, held in high renown;
of all he witnessed, knew, received and heard,
Mark in his gospel set the story down.

He tells of one who suffered for our sake,
who in the paths of pain and sorrow trod,
that all-sufficient sacrifice to make,
Saviour and Servant, Christ the Son of God.

Mark tasted hardship, failure too, and fears,
yet from his weakness knew himself restored;
Mark learned of Peter, taught by bitter tears,
how frail disciples still can serve their Lord.

All Mark bequeaths us
from those earliest days
we, who come after, thankfully receive.
For this his servant, we the Master praise.
Mark shows us Jesus: seeing, we believe!

Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926 *FARLEY CASTLE*
Henry Lawes 1596-1662

Please remain standing as the choir, clergy and servers process out during the organ voluntary.

Voluntary

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