



# WELCOME

We welcome you to Chester Cathedral!  
It is 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.

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## Music

*Communion Setting*

Missa Ego flos campi

*Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla 1590-1664*

*Gradual*

Psalm 65

*Communion Motet*

Ave verum

*William Byrd 1543-1623*

*Voluntary*

Tiento de sexto tono sobre la Batalla de

Morales *Francisco Correa de Arauxo 1584-1654*

Throughout the service, where indicated, please only stand if you feel able to do so.

The Dean is away this morning presiding and preaching at Guilden Sutton, where the parish is currently in vacancy.

## **Children**

If you have children with you, they are welcome to take part in Sunday groups: please ask any sidesperson for directions.

## **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.

We are offering the chalice to every communicant at all communion stations. **Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer yourself.** If you prefer only to receive the wafer, then please do so.

# COLLECTION

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**Via the Cathedral Website**

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We need your help to make sure that services like this one can continue and that we can keep the doors open for everyone.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

# THE GATHERING

*Please stand, if able, to sing the hymn.*

## Opening hymn

Tell his praise in song and story,  
bless the Lord with heart and voice;  
in my God is all my glory,  
come before him and rejoice.  
Join to praise his name together,  
he who hears his people's cry;  
tell his praise, come wind or weather,  
shining faces lifted high.

To the Lord whose love has found them  
cry the poor in their distress;  
swift his angels camped around them  
prove him sure to save and bless.  
God it is who hears our crying  
though the spark of faith be dim;  
taste and see! Beyond denying  
blessed are those who trust in him.

Taste and see! In faith draw near him,  
trust the Lord with all your powers;  
seek and serve him, love and fear him,  
life and all its joys are ours:  
true delight in holy living,  
peace and plenty, length of days;  
come, my children, with thanksgiving  
bless the Lord in songs of praise.

In our need he walks beside us,  
ears alert to every cry;  
watchful eyes to guard and guide us,  
love that whispers 'It is I'.  
Good shall triumph, wrong be righted,  
God has pledged his promised word;  
so with ransomed saints united  
join to praise our living Lord!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926*

*ABBOT'S LEIGH*

*Cyril V. Taylor 1907-1992*

## **Greeting**

*Please remain standing. The President says*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Informal words of welcome may be added.*

## **Opening sentences**

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us  
from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**

# Children's Prayer

*The President prays for our children and young people as they go to their Sunday groups.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*Please be seated. The Deacon says*

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us  
according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us  
to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# Kyrie

*The choir sings*

Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.*

# Absolution

*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.**

*Please stand, if you are able, 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.*

# Collect

*Please remain standing. The President says*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have created  
the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand  
in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## New Testament reading

A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,  
‘Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.’

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,  
‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.’

*Revelation 4*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings.*

## **Gradual**

## **Psalm 65**

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion :  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed  
in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer :  
unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me :  
O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest,  
and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in  
thy court, and shall be satisfied with the  
pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy  
temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy  
righteousness, O God of our salvation :  
thou that art the hope of all the ends of  
the earth, and of them that remain in the  
broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the  
mountains: and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea :  
and the noise of his waves,  
and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

*Please stand for the Gospel procession.*

# Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

*I Samuel 3:9; John 6:8*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that

he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

Luke 8:22-25

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After the gospel procession has returned to the altar, and after the preacher's opening prayer, please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

The Revd Canon Dr Anthony Lees-Smith

*After the sermon, a brief period of silence is kept. Please stand, if you are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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 be seated.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit, and in union  
with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*After each petition, the following response  
may be used*

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

*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

*Please stand. The President says*

Where two or three are gathered together in my name', says the Lord, 'there I am in the midst of them'.

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.

*Please remain standing to sing together.*

## Offertory Hymn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul:

                    your best, your heaven'ly friend,  
through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine  
to set before you, fruit of the vine  
and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **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 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 President continues*

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*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The President continues*

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 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.**

*Please be seated.*



# The Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer can be offered in your own language.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The President says*

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.**

# Giving of Communion

*The President says*

God's holy gifts

for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

## 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.*

*All Christians are welcome to receive Holy  
Communion or a blessing. Sidespeople will direct  
and assist the congregation in coming forward.  
The chalice is offered at all communion stations  
– please do not intinct (dip) the wafer.*

# Communion motet

*During communion, the choir sings.*

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro  
homine: cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit  
sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in  
mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili  
Mariae; miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly  
suffering, was sacrificed on the cross for all, from  
whose pierced side flowed blood. Be for us a  
foretaste in the final judgement. O sweet, O  
merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.  
Amen.*

*Attr. Pope Innocent VI*

*William Byrd 1543-1623*

# Post Communion Prayer

*The President says*

Let us pray.

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set  
at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life  
at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished  
at your table on earth  
be transformed  
by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the hymn.*

# THE DISMISSAL

## Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.

*W. Chatterton Dix 1837-98*

*HYFRYDOL*

*Richard Huw Pritchard 1811-87*

## **Blessing**

*Please remain standing. The President says*

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the procession leaves and then be seated for the organ voluntary.*

## **Voluntary**

Tiento de sexto tono sobre la Batalla de Morales

*Francisco Correa de Arauxo 1584-1654*

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