



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist

Trinity 7

14th July 2024
10.30am

President:
The Revd Canon Richard Walker

Preacher:
The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford

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.

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.

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

Children

Our children and young people will stay in the Cathedral for all of today's service, as they help to lead our worship. Activity tables can be found in the north aisle.

Sunday School Groups

During the 10.30am Eucharist service during term time on Sunday mornings, we invite children and young people to take part in age related activities, before returning to the service for communion with their families.

There is an occasional Bubbling Together family service for young families during 10.30am Eucharist.

Further information or to join a group please email hello@chestercathedral.com (FAO Jackie Rainsforth, Sunday School)

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

The Cathedral costs around £6000 a day to keep open, and we need your support.

We invite you to generously give to ensure our future:

A collection will be taken during the service; donations can otherwise be left with cash or using the

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A sidesperson can help you with this.

Via the Cathedral Website

www.chestercathedral.com/donate

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 opening hymn, during which the procession enters the Cathedral.

Opening Hymn

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it
for by his power each tree and flower
was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
sun, moon and stars in heaven
cry, 'Jesus is lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain
on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom
thus setting us free.

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty
Conqueror;
from death he rose, and all his foes
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sent his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power
that Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!*

David Mansell b.1936

*JESUS IS LORD
David Mansell*

Greeting

The President says

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

Opening responses

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
**Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
giving God the glory.**

Prayers of Penitence

Please be seated. The Deacon introduces the Prayers of Penitence.

Brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate,
let us call to mind our sins.

We have not always worshipped God,
our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ,
our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit,
our guide.

Lord, have mercy.

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 to sing, repeating each line after
the cantor.*

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Anon.

Unknown

Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please remain seated.

Bible reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things

in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn

We stand to sing the hymn twice.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here

John Daniels b. 1951

*John Daniels
Arr. Andrew Moore*

Please remain standing for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.
The word of the Lord is the good news
announced to you.

cf 1 Peter 1.25

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet

out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Mark 6:14-29

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Dean

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

Affirmation of Faith

The President says

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power
from on high.**

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by members of Sunday School.

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

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in 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.

Offertory Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F.W. Faber 1814-63

*CORVEDALE
Maurice Bevan 1921-2006*

Preparation of the Altar

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

Eucharistic Prayer

The President says

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

We sing together

Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens
are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.

Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole
and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name
of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.

Michael Forster b 1946

SLANE

Erik Routley 1917-82

The President continues

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body,
given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them,
saying: Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

The Deacon says

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

The President continues

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you,
Father, with Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
one God, 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

We sing together

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sin away.

O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray,
have mercy, Lord, we pray.

O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.

Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace,
in perfect heav'nly peace.

after the 'Agnus Dei'
Michael Forster b 1946

REPTON
C.H.H. Parry 1848-1918

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

The organist plays as we receive communion.

Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

Amen.

*Please stand, if you are able, to sing our final
hymn.*

THE DISMISSAL

Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessèd peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the One eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649

*NUN DANKET
J. Cruger c. 1647*

Blessing

Please remain standing. The President says

The God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
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 the Cathedral, and then be seated for
the organ voluntary.*

Voluntary

Scherzo Symphonique

Pierre Cochereau 1924-84

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