



21<sup>st</sup> July 2024  
10.30am

President:  
The Revd Canon Rosie Woodall

Preacher:  
The Revd Canon Richard Walker

# 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.

## Music

*Communion setting*

Missa octava à 8 *Hans*      *Leo Hassler 1564-1612*

*Gradual*

Psalm 23

*Motet*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

*Edward Bairstow 1874-1946*

*Voluntary*

Fantasia in G (BWV 572) *J S Bach 1685-1750*

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

We are delighted to welcome The Sarum Consort to sing our services this weekend.

## **Children**

Activities for children are available in the side aisles.

## **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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We invite you to generously give to ensure our future:

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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

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
and the precious corner-stone,  
who, the two walls underlying,  
bound in each, binds both in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
and our confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved by God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, in Threefold glory,  
singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
while unending ages run. Amen.

*J. M. Neale 1818-66*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
*Henry Purcell 1659-95*

## Greeting

*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

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;  
ascribe to the Lord  
the honour due to his name.

**The whole earth is full of his glory.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
**the Lord shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.**

# Prayers of Penitence

*Please be seated. The Deacon says*

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare  
to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

# Kyrie

*The choir sings*

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, 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, if you are able.*



# Gloria in excelsis

*The choir sings*

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

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct,  
sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

## **New Testament reading**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in

himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

*Ephesians 2:11-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gradual

# Psalm 23

*The choir sings*

The Lord is my shepherd :  
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture :  
and lead me forth beside the waters  
of comfort.

He shall convert my soul :  
and bring me forth in the paths of  
righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me  
against them that trouble me :  
thou hast anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life :  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.

*Please stand for the Gospel procession.*

# Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, 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, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were

like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Mark 6:30-34, 53-end*

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 Richard Walker

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

# Nicene Creed

*The President says*

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*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,  
ye for whom a cornerstone  
stands, of God elect and precious,  
laid that ye may build thereon,  
see that on that sure foundation  
ye a living temple raise,  
towers that may tell forth salvation,  
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed  
each to his allotted place,  
kings and priests, by God anointed,  
shall ye not declare his grace?  
Ye, a royal generation,  
tell the tidings of your birth,  
tidings of a new creation  
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you  
out of darkness into light,  
broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
strength renewed and hope restored,  
till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
praise and magnify the Lord.

*C.A. Alington 1872-1955*

*BLAENWERN*

*William Rowlands 1860-1937*

*Please remain standing.*

# Preparation of the Altar

*The President prays*

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy  
we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**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.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things  
from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us  
from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman  
and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people  
for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you 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 President continues*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example  
and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night  
that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;

we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial  
of Christ your Son our Lord.

*The Deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The President continues*

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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**

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 now offered at all communion  
stations – please do not intinct (dip) the wafer.*

# Communion motet

*The choir sings*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and stand with fear and trembling,  
and lift itself above all earthly thought.  
For the King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Christ our God, cometh forth to be our  
oblation, and to be given for food  
to the faithful.

Before him come the choirs of angels  
with every principality and power;  
the cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd  
seraphim, who veil their faces as they  
shout exultingly the hymn:  
Alleluia!

*Words from the Liturgy of St James*

*Edward Bairstow 1874-1946*

# Post Communion Prayer

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung  
your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen  
the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies  
which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

**Amen.**

# THE DISMISSAL

## Hymn

*Please stand, if you are able, to sing*

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are joined as one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*John Oxenham 1852-1941*

*KILMARNOCK*

*Neil Dougall 1776-1862*

# Blessing

*Please remain standing. The President says*

The peace of God,  
which passes 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 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

Fantasia in G (BWV 572) J S Bach 1685-1750

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