



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist

Barnabas

11th June 2024
5.30pm

President:
The Revd Canon Rosie Woodall

Preacher:
The Revd Catherine Cleghorn

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.

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

Music

Communion Setting

Communion Service in E

Harold Darke 1888-1976

Gradual:

Psalm 112

Communion Motet

Holy is the true light *William Harris 1883-1973*

Voluntary

Fantasia in C minor (BWV 562)

J.S. Bach 1675-1750

We welcome as our preacher this evening, The Revd Catherine Cleghorn, Rector of St Martin's, Ashton-upon-Mersey, and one of our Honorary Chaplains.

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.

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THE GATHERING

Opening Hymn

Praise to God for saints and martyrs,
inspiration to us all;
in the presence of our Saviour,
their example we recall:
lives of holy contemplation,
sacrifice or simple love,
witnesses to truth and justice,
honoured here and crowned above.

How we long to share their story,
faithful in response to grace,
signs of God's eternal presence
in the realm of time and space.
Now, their pilgrimage completed,
cross of Christ their only boast,
they unite their own rejoicing
with the great angelic host.

Saints and martyrs, now in glory,
robed before your Saviour's face,
let us join your intercession
for God's holy human race.
Let us join with you in singing
Mary's liberation song,
till a just and free creation
sings, with the angelic throng:

Praise and honour to the Father,
adoration to the Son,
with the all-embracing Spirit
wholly Three and holy One.
All the universe, united
in complete diversity,
sings as one your endless praises,
ever blessed Trinity!

Michael Forster b. 1942

EBENEZER

Thomas John Williams 1869-1944

The Lord's Prayer

We say together

**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.

O God, the giver of all good gifts,
who didst pour out thy Spirit
upon thy servant Barnabas
and gavest him grace to strengthen others:
grant us, by his example,
to be generous in our judgements
and faithful in our service;
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 eleventh chapter of The Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.

News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he

brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 11: 19-end

Here endeth the reading.

Gradual

Psalm 112

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord :
he hath great delight in his
commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the
generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth : and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved : and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is established, and will not shrink : until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Please stand if you are able.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning to read at the twelfth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15:12-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

We sing together

**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 Revd Catherine Cleghorn

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 'Son of Consolation',
Saint Barnabas the good,
filled with the Holy Spirit
and faith in Christ the Lord,
in lowly self-oblation,
to make an offering meet,
laid down his earthly riches
at the Apostles' feet.

The Son of Consolation,
in following his Lord
attained the martyr's glory,
and entered his reward:
with him is faith now ended,
for ever lost in sight,
where love made perfect fills him
with praise and joy and light.

All sons of consolation,
how great their joys will be
when Christ the King shall tell them
'you did it unto me':
the merciful and loving
the loving Lord shall own,
and set them as his jewels
around the Father's throne.

Maud Coote 1852-1935

AURELIA

Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-76

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 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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh
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

O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, grant us thy 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

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict, from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

*Salisbury Diurnal
Antiphon at First Vespers,
Feast of All Saints*

William Harris 1883-1973

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.

Gloria

Please stand if you are able, as the choir sings

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

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain, alleluia!
Cry out dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, alleluia.
O Mary, bearer of the Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
alleluia, alleluia.

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
alleluia, alleluia.

To God the Father, God the Son
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Athelstan Riley 1858-1945 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
from 'Geistliche Kirchengesang'
arr. R Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

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

Voluntary

Fantasia in C minor (BWV 562)

J.S. Bach 1675-1750

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