



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist

Trinity 3

21st June 2026
10.30am

President:
The Revd Canon Rosie Woodall

Preacher:
The Revd Canon Tim Goode

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 L'Hora Passa *Ludovico Viadana 1560-1627*

Gradual

Psalm 69: 14-20

Motet

Ave verum corpus *Stephanie Martin b.1962*

Voluntary

Final (Symphonie IV) *C-M Widor 1844-1927*

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

We welcome as our preacher today The Revd Canon Tim Goode, Canon for Congregational Discipleship and Nurture at York Minster.

Children

If you have children with you, they are welcome to take part in Children's Church: 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.

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Thank you for your generous contributions.

THE GATHERING

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

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.

John Chandler 1806-76

*HAREWOOD
S.S. Wesley 1810-76*

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 Responses

The President says

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes
**and lead us in the path of your
commandments.**

O Lord, deal graciously with your servants;
teach us discernment and knowledge.

Guide the meek in judgement;
and teach your ways to the gentle.

Children's Prayer

*The President prays for our children and young
people as they go to Children's Church.*

Prayers of Penitence

Please be seated. The Deacon says

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins
in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved
to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
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.

Gloria in excelsis

Please stand. 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 God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with

Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:1b-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings.

Gradual Psalm 69: 14-20

Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy : even in the truth of thy salvation.

Take me out of the mire, that I sink not :
O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up : and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable : turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant,
for I am in trouble :
O haste thee, and hear me.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it :
O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

Thou hast known my reproof, my shame,
and my dishonour :
mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

Please stand for the Gospel procession.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness but will have the light of life.

cf John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

The Deacon says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:24-39

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 Tim Goode, Canon for Congregational Discipleship and Nurture, York Minster

A brief period of silence is kept for reflection.

Nicene Creed

Please stand. 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.

*Please remain standing as we sing together,
during which a collection is taken.*

Offertory Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea

but that thy blood was shed for me,

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Preparation of the Altar

The President says

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

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 and anyone can receive 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.

During communion, the choir sings

Communion motet

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 nobis. Amen

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of humankind.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

Pope Innocent VI, 13th C Stephanie Martin b.1962

Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

O God, whose beauty
is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory
as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more
than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Hymn

Please stand, if you are able, to sing.

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Charles Everest 1814-77

BRESLAU

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 18-09-47

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 choir, servers
and clergy process out of the Cathedral, and
then be seated for the organ voluntary.*

Voluntary

Final (Symphonie IV)

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1927

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