



# 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 Brevis

*Grayston Ives b.1948*

*Gradual*

Psalm 116: 9-16

*Motets*

O sacrum convivium

*Stephanie Martin b.1962*

A new commandment

*Peter Nardone b.1965*

*Organ music during foot-washing*

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß BWV 622

*JS Bach 1685-1750*

This evening's service is sung by the Cathedral's Nave Choir, directed by Alex Lanigan-Palotai.

During the service, members of the congregation are invited to have their feet washed as a reminder of Jesus washing his own disciples' feet in the upper room, and as a symbol of servant leadership.

## **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 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.



O make us sharers, Saviour, of your Passion,  
that we may share your glory that shall be;  
let us pass through these three dark nights  
of sorrow  
to Easter's laughter and its liberty.

*Peter Abelard 1079-1142*  
*tr. Richard Sturch b.1936*

*HIGHWOOD*  
*R.R. Terry 1865-1938*

## Greeting

*The President says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
'If you love me, keep my commandments.'  
you have no part in me.'  
'Let us confess to almighty God  
our sins against his love,  
and ask him to cleanse us.

*Silence is kept.*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance  
of your compassion blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin  
and we shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

*The President says*

May the Father forgive you  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen you  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all your days.

**Amen.**

*Please stand. 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 that we may love one another  
as Christ has loved us.

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
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 St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual: Psalm 116: 9-16**

I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.

I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant : I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

*Please stand for the Gospel procession.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.**

I give you a new commandment,  
says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you.

**Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.**

## **Holy Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took

off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master,

nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

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 Rosie Woodall

*Please remain seated.*

# The Washing of Feet

*The President washes the feet of members of the congregation while the organist plays O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß (BWV 622) by JS Bach.*

*At the end, the President says*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us that what we do  
for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit  
let us pray to the Father  
through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed,  
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples'  
feet. We commit ourselves to follow his  
example of love and service.  
Lord, hear us  
**and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.

We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us

**and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

**and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us

**and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

**and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us

**and welcome all your children into paradise.**



# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## The Peace

*Please stand. The President says*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.'

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

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.



# Preparation of the Altar

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself  
that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.

**Amen.**

# 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 indeed right to give you thanks,  
Father most holy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this night he girded himself  
with a towel

and, taking the form of a servant,  
washed the feet of his disciples.

He gave us a new commandment  
that we should love one another  
as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper  
to his disciples  
to be a memorial of his passion,  
that we might proclaim his death  
until he comes again,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

### *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*

Lord, you are holy indeed,  
the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power  
of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

*The Deacon says*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The President continues*

And so, Father, calling to mind  
his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial  
of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you  
this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, 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*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

# 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.

*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.*



*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 motets**

*The choir sings*

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis ejus; mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

*O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

*Antiphon to Magnificat  
at 2<sup>nd</sup> Vespers of Corpus Christi*

*Stephanie Martin  
b.1962*

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsulemus et in ipso iucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where true charity is, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in him and be glad. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

*John 13: 34-35*

*Peter Nardone b. 1965*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you  
that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial  
of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence  
the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruit of your redemption,  
for you are alive and reign,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# THE CONCLUSION

*We process to the garden of repose with the sacrament, as the hymn is sung*

## Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman 1801-90*

*GERONTIUS*

*John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76*

## **The stripping of the altars**

*Please be seated. While the choir sings the psalm, the altar is stripped by the servers.*

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast  
thou forsaken me: and art so far from my  
health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou  
hearest not: and in the night-season also I take  
no rest.

And thou continuest holy:

O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in  
thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen:  
they put their trust in thee, and were not  
confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:  
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the  
people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn:  
they shoot out their lips, and shake their  
heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:  
let him deliver him, if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my  
mother's womb: thou wast my hope, when I  
hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was  
born: thou art my God, even from my  
mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:  
and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me:  
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths:  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones  
are out of joint: my heart also in the midst of  
my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and  
my tongue cleaveth to my gums:  
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me: and the  
council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell  
all my bones: they stand staring and looking  
upon me.

They part my garments among them:  
and casts lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord:  
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword:  
my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth:  
thou hast heard me also from among the  
horns of the unicorns.

*Psalm 22: 1–21*

## **THE WATCH**

*The Watch takes place. The Sacrament is reserved remembering the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we watch and wait with him.*

*You are welcome to come and go at any time during this period. When leaving the Cathedral, please do so quietly as others are praying.*

*Shortly before 10pm, we conclude with Said Compline.*

# COMPLINE

*The Officiant says*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past  
day may follow.*

○ God, make speed to save us.

**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

*The following hymn is sung*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
that you, with steadfast love, would keep  
your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
from fears and terrors of the night;  
tread underfoot our deadly foe  
that we no sinful thought may know.

○ Father, that we ask be done  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
and Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
our souls are raised to life from death.

## **Psalm 134**

Come, bless the Lord,  
all you servants of the Lord,  
**you that by night  
stand in the house of the Lord.**

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary  
**and bless the Lord.**

The Lord who made heaven and earth  
**give you blessing out of Zion.**

## **Scripture reading**

I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

*Zechariah 12.10*

## **Gospel Canticle**

**Christ himself bore our sins  
in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.**



Now, Lord, you let your servant  
go in peace:

**your word has been fulfilled.**

My own eyes have seen the salvation  
**which you have prepared in the sight  
of every people;**

A light to reveal you to the nations  
**and the glory of your people Israel.**

*Luke 2.29-32*

**Christ himself bore our sins  
in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.**

## **The Collect**

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot  
of the cross of your Son,  
help us to see and know your love for us,  
so that in humility, love and joy  
we may place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

# The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord,  
make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand  
and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

May God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace.  
**Amen.**

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