



CHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# **Cathedral Eucharist**

## **Corpus Christi**

30<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
7.30pm

President:  
The Revd Canon Richard Walker

Preacher:  
The Revd Canon Rosie Woodall

# 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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## Music

*Communion Setting*      Communion Service in F  
*Herbert Sumsion 1899-1995*

*Gradual:*                      Psalm 116: 9-16

*Communion Motet*  
Ave verum corpus KV618  
*W.A. Mozart 1756-91*

*Voluntary*  
Prière après la communion (Livre du Saint  
Sacrement)                      *Olivier Messiaen 1908-92*

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# THE GATHERING

## Opening Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluya,

Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluya,

thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluya,

we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,

Alleluya,

cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

*G.H. Bourne 1840-1925*

*ST HELEN*

*George Martin 1844-1916*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The President says*

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee  
that in this wonderful sacrament  
thou hast given us  
a memorial of thy passion:  
grant us so to reverence  
the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of thy redemption;  
who livest and reignest with the Father  
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 Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

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 Cor 11:23-26*

Here endeth the reading.

# 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 if you are able.*

# The Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning to read at the fifty-first verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

*John 6:51-58*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

# Nicene Creed

*We say 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 Canon Rosie Woodall

## **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

Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,  
thou savest those that on thee call,  
to them that seek thee thou art good,  
to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesu, ever with us stay,  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away,  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

*Latin, tr. Ray Palmer 1808-87*

*EISENACH*

*J.H. Schein 1586-1630*

*harm. J.S. Bach 1685-1750*

*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 accept our alms and oblations, and] 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.  
Amen.

# 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*

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.*



*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*

Ave, ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood:  
be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
in the trial of death!*

*Attrib. Pope Innocent VI d. 1362*

*W.A. Mozart 1756-91*

# 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.**

*Please stand if you are able, as the choir sings*

# Gloria

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**

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread,  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
'tis thy wounds our healing give;  
to thy cross we look and live:  
thou our life! O let us be  
rooted, grafted, built on thee.

*Josiah Conder 1789-1855*

*BREAD OF HEAVEN*

*Archbishop William Maclagan 1826-1910*

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

# Voluntary

Prière après la communion (Livre du Saint Sacrement)

*Olivier Messiaen 1908-92*

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