CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Requiem Eucharist

All Souls

1st November 2026
3.00pm

President:
The Revd Canon Dr Anthony Lees-Smith

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
Requiem *Maurice Durufle 1902-86*

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

Today's service is sung by the Cathedral Choir.

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. **Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer yourself**. If you prefer only to receive the wafer, then please do so.

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THE GATHERING

Please stand, if able, to sing

Opening Hymn

Christ enthroned in highest heaven,
hear us, crying from the deep
for the faithful ones departed,
for the souls of all that sleep,
as thy kneeling Church entreateth,
hearken, Shepherd of the sheep.

They are thine, O take them to thee;
thou their hope, O raise them high;
in thy mercy ever trusting
confident we make our cry
that the souls whom thou hast purchased
may unto thy heart be nigh.

Let thy plenteous loving-kindness
on them evermore be poured;
let them through thy boundless mercy
be to boundless life restored,
and within thy Father's mansions
give to each a place, O Lord.

Where the saints, thy throne surrounding,
join in the angelic song,
where thy Mother, raised in glory,
leads the great redeemèd throng,
grant that we, with souls departed,
may through grace at length belong.

Latin, Sequence: De profundis exclamantes *PICARDY*
trans. R.F. Littledale 1833-90 *French carol, 17th C*

Greeting

The President says

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Please be seated. Informal words of welcome may be added, after which we pray

**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**.

Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge
of his glory in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure
in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power
belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind
our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved thee
with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
In thy 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 thee, our God.
Amen.

Introit et Kyrie

The choir sings

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion:
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto
thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem:
thou who hearest the prayer,
unto thee shall all flesh come.
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*

Absolution

The President says

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of thy Son's saving
passion and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them
enjoy the fullness of thy promises;
through Jesus Christ thy 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

New Testament reading

The Epistle is written in the fifth chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans, beginning at the fifth verse.

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through

whom we have now received
reconciliation.

Romans 5:5-11

Here endeth the Epistle.

Gradual hymn

Please stand to sing

Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
to his command we bow;
part of his host has crossed the flood,
and part is crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
there pass some spirits blest,
while others to the margin come,
waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
and bring us safe to heaven.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 *DUNDEE*
Scottish Psalter 1615

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the nineteenth verse.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as

they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 5:19-25

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.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please be seated. The President says

This is the will of him that sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all
that he has given me.
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us
a share in life eternal.
According to your promises, may all
who have died in the peace of Christ
come with your saints
to the joys of your kingdom,

where there will be neither sorrow
nor pain, but life everlasting.
Alleluia. Amen.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud. Silence is kept. The choir sings

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem;
dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Blessed Jesus, O Lord, grant them rest; grant them eternal rest.

The President says

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us
by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power
to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ
from the dead,
so may we trust your love
to give eternal life
to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertoire

Please remain seated, as the choir sings the offertory. A collection will be taken.

Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu, libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum.

Sed signifer sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam, quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini ejus. Hostias et preces tibi Domine laudis offerimus:
tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus: fac eas Domine de morte transire ad vitam. Quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini eius.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the depths of the pit: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell devour them not, that they fall not into darkness.

But that Michael, the holy standard bearer, bring them into the holy light, which thou once

didst promise to Abraham and his seed. We offer thee, O Lord, sacrifices and prayers of praise; do thou accept them for those souls whom we this day commemorate; grant them, O Lord, to pass from death to the life which thou once didst promise to Abraham and his seed.

Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand, if you are able. The President says

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 the Lord our 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,
through Jesus Christ
thine only Son our Lord.

And now we give thee thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In him who rose from the dead
our hope of resurrection dawned.
The sting of death has been removed
by the glorious promise of his risen life.

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

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Osanna 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

All glory be to thee,
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,
by the power of thy Holy Spirit,
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 to thee,
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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants,
having in remembrance
the precious death and passion
of thy dear Son,
his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
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 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;
and to grant that all we,
who are partakers of this holy communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace
and heavenly benediction;
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 unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end.
Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer can be offered in your own language

Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who 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.

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 was given for thee,
and his blood which he shed for thee.
Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died for thee,

and feed on him in thy heart
by faith with thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, give them rest. Let perpetual light shine upon them together with Thy saints for Thou art good. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion and anyone a blessing. Sidespeople will direct and assist the congregation in coming forward. The chalice is to all communicants – please do not intinct (dip) the wafer.

During communion, the choir sings

Lux aeterna luceat eis Domine,
cum Sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Let eternal light shine upon them Lord, O Lord: with thy Saints for evermore: for thou art gracious. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna,
in die illa tremenda, quando coeli movendi
sunt et terra, dum veneris judicare
saeculum per ignem. Tremens factus sum
ego, et timeo, dum discussio venerit, atque
venturea ira. Dies irae, dies illa calamitatis
et miseriae; dies irae, dies magna et amara
valde. Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal in that fearful day: When the heavens and the earth shall be shaken: when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. I am in fear and trembling till the sifting be upon us, and the wrath to come. O that day, that day of wrath, of calamity and misery. That day, a great day and exceeding bitter. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
we most heartily thank thee,
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us,
who have duly received

these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favour
and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
which is the blessed company
of all faithful people, and are also heirs
through hope of thy everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death
and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee,
O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue
in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory,
world without end.
Amen.

Please stand.

THE DISMISSAL

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 Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

In Paradisum

The choir sings

In paradisum deducant te Angeli, in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.

Into Paradise may the Angels lead thee: at thy coming may the Martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem.
May the Choir of Angels receive thee, and with Lazarus once poor, mayest thou have eternal rest.

The choir and clergy leave in silence. Please leave when you feel ready to do so – you are welcome to stay as long as you wish or to light a candle.

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