CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist

St Andrew the Apostle

30th November 2026
5.30pm

President:
The Revd Canon Dr Anthony Lees-Smith

Preacher:
The Revd Gill Reeve

WELCOME

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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
Mass for Three Voices
Antonio Lotti 1667-1740

Gradual Psalm 19:1-6

Communion Motet
Doctor bonus amica Dei
Tomás Luis de Victoria 1548-1611

Voluntary
'Offertoire sur les Grands jeux (Messe pour les Paroisses)' *François Couperin 1668-1733*

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.

Communion will be offered as both bread and wine (separately). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer. If you prefer only to receive the wafer, then please do so.

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THE GATHERING

Opening Hymn

Please stand, if able, as the choir enters, and then remain standing to sing the hymn.

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian follow me':

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more'.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these'.

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

C.F. Alexander 1818-95 *ST ANDREW*
E.H. Thorne 1834-1916

Words of informal welcome may be said.

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.

Almighty God, who didst give such grace
unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew,
that he readily obeyed the calling
of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and followed him without delay:
grant unto us all, that we,
being called by thy holy word,
may forthwith give up ourselves obediently
to fulfil thy holy commandments;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The New Testament Reading

The epistle is written in the tenth chapter of St Paul's Letter to the Romans, beginning at the twelfth verse.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for
'Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.'

Romans 10:12-18

Here endeth the epistle.

Gradual Psalm 19:1-6

The choir sings

The heavens declare the glory of God :
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another :
and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Please stand if you are able.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel is written in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning to read at the eighteenth verse.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake - for they were

fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-22

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 Gill Reeve, Minor Canon and Senior Chaplain, University of Chester

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, to sing together.
A collection will be taken during this hymn.

Offertory Hymn

Let the round world with songs rejoice,
let heaven return the joyful voice,
all mindful of the Apostles' fame,
let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.

Ye servants who once bore the light
of gospel truth o'er heathen night,
still may your work that light impart,
to glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

O God, by whom to them was given
the key that shuts and opens heaven,
our chains unbind, our loss repair,
and grant us grace to enter there.

For at thy will they preached the word
which cured disease,
which health conferred;
O may thy healing power once more
our souls to grace and health restore.

That when as judge thy Son shall come
to bring his ransomed people home,
he may with them pronounce us blest,
and place us in thine endless rest.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
be honour, praise and majesty,
now and throughout eternity. Amen.

Latin, 10th century *DEUS TUORUM MILITUM*
Tr. Richard Mant 1776-1848
Grenoble Antiphoner 1753

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

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 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,
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, 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

Doctor bonus, amicus Dei Andreas ducitur ad crucem. Aspiciens a longe, vidit crucem et dixit: "Salve crux, suscipe discipulum eius qui pependit in te magister meus Christus."

A virtuous teacher and friend of God, Andrew was led to the cross. Looking from afar, he saw the cross and said: "Hail, cross, receive a disciple of him who hung on you, Christ, my master."

Tomás Luis de Victoria 1548-1611

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.
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 in excelsis

Please stand if you are able, as 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.

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.

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

Voluntary

'Offertoire sur les Grands jeux (Messe pour les Paroisses)'

François Couperin 1668-1733

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