



CHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# **Cathedral Eucharist**

## **Trinity 19**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**10.30am**

**President:**  
**The Revd Canon Richard Walker**

**Preacher:**  
**The Revd Canon Rosie Woodall**

# 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 *Lennox Berkeley 1903-1989*

*Gradual* *Psalm 8*

### *Motet*

My eyes for beauty pine  
*Herbert Howells 1892-1983*

### *Voluntary*

Ricercar a 6 BWV1079/ii *J S Bach 1685-1750*

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

## **Children**

If you have children with you, they are welcome to take part in Sunday groups: 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 hymn.*

## Opening hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

*GOPSAL  
G.F. Handel 1685-1759*

# 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 sentences

God in Christ has revealed his glory.  
**Come let us worship.**

From this rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name**  
**is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.  
**O praise the name of the Lord!**

# Children's prayer

*The President prays for the children and young people as they go to their Sunday groups.*

# Prayers of Penitence

*Please be seated. The Deacon says*

My brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate  
the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*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.**



*Please stand, as 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

*The President says*

Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without you  
we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things  
direct and rule our hearts;  
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.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## New Testament reading

A reading from The Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?  
You have made them for a little while

lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and  
honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them,  
God left nothing outside their control. As  
it is, we do not yet see everything in  
subjection to them, but we do see Jesus,  
who for a little while was made lower than  
the angels, now crowned with glory and  
honour because of the suffering of death,  
so that by the grace of God he might taste  
death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and  
through whom all things exist, in bringing  
many children to glory, should make the  
pioneer of their salvation perfect through  
sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and  
those who are sanctified all have one  
Father. For this reason Jesus is not  
ashamed to call them brothers and  
sisters, saying,  
'I will proclaim your name to my brothers  
and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will  
praise you.'

*Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual: Psalm 8

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world : thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

*Please stand for the Gospel procession.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

*1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be

joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Mark 10:2-16*

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

*After the sermon, a brief period of silence is kept. Please stand, if you are able.*

## Nicene Creed

*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.**

# Prayers of Intercession

*Please be seated.*

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*

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ  
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.

## Offertory Hymn

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked pow'rs betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed;  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through his Son,  
to God the Father glory be,  
both now and through eternity.

*Benjamin Webb 1819-85 alt.*

*from Thomas à Kempis c.1379-1471      EISENACH*

*J.H. Schein 1586-1630*

*Melody J.S. Bach 1685-1750*

*Please remain standing.*

# Preparation of the Altar

*The President prays*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven  
and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## 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.**

Father, you made the world  
and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free  
from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you,  
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 President continues*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them  
and said: Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended  
he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all  
upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*The Deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy  
will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ,  
and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving 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*

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*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

# 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 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 motet

*The choir sings*

My eyes for beauty pine,  
my soul for Goddes grace :  
no other care nor hope is mine,  
to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
from all the stars above :  
'tis named when God's name is said,  
'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
that burns with true desire,  
is lit from eyes that mirror part  
of that celestial fire.

*Robert Bridges 1844-1930*

*Herbert Howells 1892-1983*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*The President says*

Let us pray.

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the hymn.*

# THE DISMISSAL

## Hymn

God has spoken – by the prophets,  
spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor holding fast:  
God eternal reigns forever,  
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken – by Christ Jesus,  
Christ the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born,  
light of light, to earth descending,  
Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking – by the Spirit,  
speaking to our hearts again,  
in the age-long word declaring  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, the Word unchanging,  
God the first, and God the last.

*George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959 alt. EBENEZER  
Thomas Williams 1869-1944*

# 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 the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain standing as the procession  
leaves, and then be seated for the organ  
voluntary.*

# Voluntary

Ricercar a 6 BWV1079/ii

*J S Bach 1685-1750*

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