



CHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# **Cathedral Eucharist with baptism**

## **Trinity 20**

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

**President:  
The Revd Canon Rosie Woodall**

**Preacher:  
The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford**

# 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.

We're a paperless Cathedral and are working environmentally to save paper. The service can be downloaded to your device using the QR code at the back of the nave, or by visiting [Services - Chester Cathedral](#). Hymns, readings and responses will be presented on the screens.

## Music

### *Communion Setting*

Missa brevis      William Walton 1902-1983

*Gradual:*              Psalm 90:12-end

### *Communion Motet*

Give almes of thy goods  
Christopher Tye c.1505-c.1573

### *Voluntary*

Praeludium in E (BuxWV 141)  
Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707

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

We are delighted to welcome Clement, his parents, brother Theo, godparents, and other family and friends for his baptism today.

## **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 both 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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# THE GATHERING

*Please stand, if able, to sing*

## Opening Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
dayspring from on high, be near;  
daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

*RATISBON*

*W.H. Havergal 1793-1870*

# Greeting

*The President says*

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

## Opening responses

Blessed be God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be his kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.  
**There is one hope  
to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

## Children's prayer

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

*Please remain standing as the choir sings*

## **The 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.

# Collect

*We remain standing as the President says*

Let us pray.

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit  
wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us  
to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
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.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:12-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual:**

## **Psalm 90:12-end**

So teach us to number our days : that we  
may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last :  
and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon  
: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days  
of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that  
thou hast plagued us : and for the years  
wherein we have suffered adversity.

Shew thy servants thy work :  
and their children thy glory.

And the glorious majesty of the Lord our  
God be upon us : prosper thou the work  
of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our  
handywork.

*Please stand for the Gospel procession.*

# **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.

*cf Matthew 4:4*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You

lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields,

with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

*Mark 10:17-31*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

The Dean

*Please stand if you are able, and turn to face west. The organist plays while the baptism party goes to the font.*

# THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

## Introduction

*The President says*

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven  
we must be born again  
of water and the Spirit,  
and has given us baptism as the sign  
and seal of this new birth.  
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit  
and made clean.  
Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.  
As children of God,  
we have a new dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.

## Presentation of the Candidates

*The President says to the congregation*

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.  
Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Clement  
who has come to be baptized today.

Christ loves him and welcomes him  
into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Clement as he begins  
his journey of faith?

**We will.**

Will you help him to live and grow  
within God's family?

**We will.**

*The president then addresses the parents  
and godparents*

God knows each of us by name  
and we are his.

Parents and godparents,  
you speak for Clement today.  
Will you pray for him,  
and help him to follow Christ?  
**We will.**

## **Decision and Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

We all wander far from God  
and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us  
and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

*Parents and godparents turn to face the  
Paschal Candle.*

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

## **The Signing with the Cross**

Clement, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him  
against all the powers of evil,  
and remain faithful to Christ  
to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you  
from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light  
and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

# Prayer over the Water

*The President says*

Loving Father,  
we thank you for your servant Moses,  
who led your people  
through the waters of the Red Sea  
to freedom in the Promised Land.  
We thank you for your Son Jesus,  
who has passed through  
the deep waters of death  
and opened for all the way of salvation.  
Now send your Spirit,  
that those who are washed in this water  
may die with Christ and rise with him,  
to find true freedom as your children,  
alive in Christ for ever.

**Amen.**

# Profession of Faith

*The President says to the congregation*

Let us affirm together  
with Clement who is being baptized  
our common faith in Jesus Christ:

Do you believe and trust  
in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust  
in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust  
in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God,  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

# The Baptism

Clement Biscay Kennedy,  
I baptize you,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May God who has received you  
by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company  
of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed  
by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance  
of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## The Peace

*The President says*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of 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.

*During the hymn, the baptism party return to their seats. Please remain standing to sing together.*

## Offertory Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*John Newton 1725-1807*

*ST PETER*

*Alexander Reinagle 1799-1877*

# Preparation of the Altar

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given  
and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

# 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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you  
in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth  
and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms  
for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection  
by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will  
and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you 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.  
Blessed is he that cometh  
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*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*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 your children, born again in Christ, we say

**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*

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 both communion  
stations – please do not intinct (dip) the wafer.*

## Communion Motet

*sung by the choir*

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never  
thy face from any poor man,  
and then the face of the Lord  
shall not be turned away from thee.

*Offertory sentence BCP*

*Christopher Tye c.1505-c.1573*

# Post Communion Prayer

*The President says*

Let us pray.

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries  
open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# THE DISMISSAL

## Hymn

Father, we thank thee who hast planted  
thy holy name within our hearts.  
Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
Jesus thy Son to us imparts.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,  
didst give us food for all our days,  
giving in Christ the bread eternal;  
thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,  
save it from evil, guard it still,  
perfect it in thy love, unite it,  
cleansed and conformed unto thy will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,  
was in this broken bread made one,  
so from all lands thy Church be gathered  
into thy kingdom by thy Son.

*From the Didache (1<sup>st</sup> century)*

*tr. F. Bland Tucker 1895-1984*

*ST CLEMENT*

*Clement Scholefield 1839-1904*

# Blessing

*Please stand. The President says*

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory  
in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen  
and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The president gives the newly baptized a  
lighted candle and says*

God has delivered us  
from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place  
with the saints in light.  
Clement, you have received  
the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Voluntary**

Praeludium in E (BuxWV 141)

*Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707*

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