



The Cathedral
Eucharist
on
The Fourteenth Sunday
after Trinity

†

13 September, 2020

10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
Canon Rowena Pailing
Vice Dean and Canon Missioner

The Preacher is
The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Deacon is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Canon Precentor

The Subdeacon is

The service is sung by the
Girl choristers of the Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music

The setting for the service is the
Holy Communion Service in C by John Ireland (1879-1962)

*Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by
Canon Gary O'Neill.*



We are taking every care to follow appropriate social distancing good practice in this act of worship.

The essential elements are:

- Face masks should be worn.
- The two-metre 'rule' applies.
- Please go straight to a seat and remain there for the service.
- If you have arrived on your own today, please take a single chair.
- Double chairs are for partners and bubbles.
- There will be no corporate singing – there will be some solo singing – please do not join in!
- If you missed the deposit point for the collection, please give as you leave.
- The communion table is prepared before the service begins.
- Communion will be in one kind only.
 - Please remain standing to receive if you are able.
 - If you are sitting to receive please extend your hand.
 - No words of administration or reply will be used.
 - When you have received please sit down.
 - If you do not wish to receive today, please sit down.
- After the blessing and dismissal please remain standing, and follow the clergy and ministers and go out of the building, immediately;
- and, if the weather is suitable, please speak with each other outside, observing appropriate social distancing.

Thank you. Keep safe.

Please take your service paper home with you.
If you leave it behind it cannot be touched
by Cathedral staff for several days.

The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

The president introduces the celebration

The Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your **Holy Spirit,**
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through **Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

The Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

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.

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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

Please remain seated for the psalm which is sung by the cantor alone

Psalm

(103.8-13)

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding:
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth:
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west:
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children:
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Church in Rome

(Romans 14.1-12)

Read by Robert Hodson

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated for the hymn which is sung by the cantor alone

Gradual Hymn

Help us forgive, forgiving Lord
the wrong that others do,
and, when our hearts are pierced by pain,
to bring the hurt to you.

For on the cross you bore for us
the curse, the scorn, the hate
and gave your life to lift from us
sin's cruel and crushing weight.

Let grace unlock each prisoned heart,
uncoil each fistened hand
until from hate our hearts are freed,
our hands in love extend.

And then, the broken circle closed,
the broken friendships healed,
Lord, hold us fast within the bonds
by your forgiveness sealed.

Herman G Stuempfle (1923-2007)

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Tune Martyrdom

Please stand for the Gospel reading

The Gospel

The deacon says

(Matthew 18.21-35)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Sermon

The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.

Please stand with the president for

The Creed

**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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Jeremy Duerden

Please sit down or kneel for the prayers.

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And 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

The president introduces the Peace and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Please do not physically pass the peace
and please do not move from your seat.

While we are still following the safety protocols concerning the pandemic,
no collection will be taken at this point.

If you are a UK tax payer and not a member of the Cathedral Stewardship
Scheme, please use and sign the blue gift aid forms provided by the
collection point near the entrance to the building.

Preparation of the Table

[This was completed before the service began]

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

The choir alone 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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

The deacon says

Jesus Christ is Lord

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so
we say, in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

**Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nostro, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ،الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ...
Têve Mūsū, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...**

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.**

The 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.**

The body of Christ.
Amen.

Please stay standing in front of your chair and communion will be brought to you.

*Once you have received communion, or if you do not wish to receive on this occasion,
please sit down.*

<p>Communion is in one kind only, and no words of administration or reply are used – communion takes place silently.</p>
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During communion

The choir alone sings:

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a Way as gives us breath;
such a Truth as ends all strife:
such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a Light as shows a feast;
such a Feast as mends in length;
such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a Joy as none can move;
such a Love as none can part:
such a Heart as joys in love.

*George Herbert (1593-1633),
music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Please stand

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The president and ministers will leave immediately.
Please follow them without sitting down, and if the weather is suitable,
please speak with one another outside, observing appropriate social distancing.

The Organ Voluntary

Toccata in B Minor

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

The Cathedral this Week

Choral Evensong is at 4.00pm today with the Boy choristers of the Cathedral Choir.

Flowers today are given by Joan Banks in loving memory of Keith.

The cathedral is open each day this week for individual and private prayer from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

It is also open from Monday to Friday for Morning and Evening Prayer (entry by side door) as follows:

Mon, September 14	Holy Cross Day
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer in the Jesus Chapel and by Zoom
Tue, September 15	<i>Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm	Choral Evensong (Girl choristers) and by Zoom
Wed, September 16	<i>Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432</i> <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer
5.00pm	Choral Evensong (Boy choristers) and by Zoom
Thu, September 17	<i>Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm	Choral Evensong (Boy choristers) and by Zoom
Fri, September 18	
8.30am	Morning Prayer
5.00pm	Choral Evensong (Boy choristers) and by Zoom
Sat, September 19	<i>Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690</i>

Details of how to take part in Evening Prayer by Zoom can be obtained by email from Gary O'Neill: precentor@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Next Sunday *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Old Testament reading	Jonah 3.10 - end of 4
Psalm	145.1-8
New Testament reading	Philippians 1.21-30
Gospel Reading	Matthew 20.1-6

Getting together

The Sunday Zoom sherry meeting at 12.30pm is having a rest this week.

If you have any suggestions about how to get together in these restricted times please do have a work with Jean Duerden, the Churchwardens or clergy.

Coming soon

The September organ recitals have been postponed.

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