



The Parish
Eucharist
on
The Fifteenth Sunday
after Trinity

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20 September, 2020

9.00am

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.

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Interim Canon Precentor
Canon Gary O'Neill

The service is sung by the
Young People's Choir

Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is
The Galloway Mass - Macmillan

Please read the advice opposite about keeping safe in our worship

The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers

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

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 the words of absolution

The Gloria

The choir alone sings

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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Generous God,
whose gift defies the balance sheet
of ownership and just reward:
free our hearts and minds
from the envy which enslaves us;
shape our lives to show
your self-forgetting love;
through Jesus Christ, the free gift of grace.
Amen.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Psalm

(145.1-8)

I will praise your name, my King and my God.

I will praise your name, my King and my God.

I will give you glory my God and King, and I will bless your name for ever. Ev'ry day I will bless and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is full of grace and mercy, he is kind and slow to anger. He is good in all his works and full of compassion.

Let all your works give you thanks O Lord, and let all the faithful bless you. Let them speak of your might O Lord, the glory of your kingdom.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and always near, his name is holy. He lifts up all those who fall, he raises up the lowly.

David Haas

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New Testament Reading

Read by John Wilson

A reading from the letter to the Church in Philippi *(Philippians 1.21-30)*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

When I survey the wondrous Cross,
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
spread o'er his body on the Tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

Music by Dan Forrest

Please stand for the Gospel reading

The Gospel

(Matthew 20.1-16)

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing

around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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

Sermon

Canon Gary O'Neill

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

Please stand with the president for

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named**

**We believe in god the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us
with the power from on high.**

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

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Louise Hicks

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 power, and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
who comes in the Lord's own 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.

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.*

*Communion is in one kind only, and no words of administration or reply are used –
communion takes place silently*

During communion

During communion the choir sing

Ave verum corpus natum,
De Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.
O clemens, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae.

*Hail true body of the Son
of the Virgin Mary!
you truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of the world.
Your pierced side flowed
with true blood.
Be to us our chosen food at
the hour of death.
O merciful, O holy Jesus
O Jesus Son of Mary.*

Music by Sir Edward Elgar (1867 – 1934)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through 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

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

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

The Cathedral this Week

Today	4.00pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Girl choristers</i>) Responses <i>Archer in D</i> <i>I will sing with the spirit - Goodenough</i>	<i>Stanford in C</i> Psalm 119.129-136
Monday 21 Sep		Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in the Jesus Chapel and by Zoom	
Tuesday 22 Sep			
	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Girl choristers</i>) Responses <i>Dore</i> <i>Magnificat Plainsong tone ii; Nunc dimittis Burgon</i> <i>Fairest Lord Jesus - DeLong</i>	Psalm 33.1-10
Wednesday 23 Sep			
	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Boy choristers</i>) Responses <i>Radcliffe</i> <i>View me, Lord - Lloyd</i>	<i>Wood in D</i> Psalm 119.33-40
Thursday 24 Sep			
	8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Boy choristers</i>) Responses <i>Radcliffe</i> <i>Almighty and everlasting God - Gibbons</i>	<i>Stanford in C</i> Psalm 39.1-8
Friday 25 Sep		<i>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626</i> <i>Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392</i>	
	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Boy choristers</i>) Responses <i>Radcliffe</i> <i>Oculi omnium - Wood</i>	<i>Ridout in E</i> Psalm 40
Saturday 26 Sep		<i>Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942</i>	
Sunday 27 Sep		The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30am	The Cathedral Eucharist <i>Girl choristers of the Cathedral Choir</i> <i>Darke in F</i> <i>Lighten our darkness - Ed Jones</i>	Psalm 124
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Boy choristers</i>) Responses <i>Radcliffe</i> <i>Almighty and everlasting God - Gibbons</i>	<i>Gibbons Short Service</i> Psalm 124

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

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

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

Next Sunday

Old Testament reading	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32
Psalm	25.1-8
New Testament reading	Philippians 2.1-13
Gospel Reading	Matthew 21.23-32

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 word with Jean Duerden, the Churchwardens or clergy.

Coming soon

The September organ recitals have been postponed.

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