



Inaugural Eucharist
with
Commissioning of staff,
trustees and students



Emmanuel
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Saturday 11 September, 2021

10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
The Right Reverend Mark Tanner
*Bishop of Chester and
Chair of the Board of Trustees*

The Deacon is
The Revd Shemil Mathew
Vice Dean of Emmanuel Theological College

The Subdeacon is
The Revd Claire Cooke
Tutor in Theology of Emmanuel Theological College

The Preacher is
The Right Reverend Philip North
Bishop of Burnley

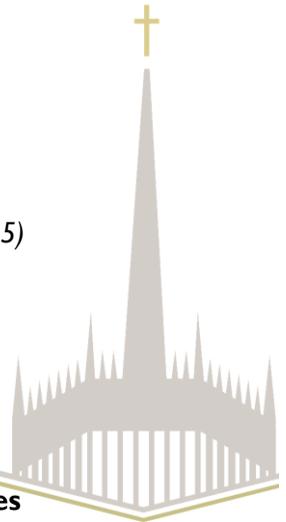
The vision for Emmanuel Theological College is shared by
The Revd Canon Dr Michael Leyden
Dean of Emmanuel Theological College

The service is sung by the
Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is
A Little Jazz Mass by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

The organist is
John Robinson,
Director of Music

*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by The Dean,*
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones



The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter.

Gathering Song

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
plea: a great High Priest whose name, is love: who e - ver
lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on His
hands. My name is wri - tten on His heart. I know that
while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence de -
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the king of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ,
and marvel at this love divine;
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
to make me righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I cannot know
but I can glory in its flood,
the Lord Most High has bowed down low
and poured on me his glorious love,
and poured on me his glorious love.

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The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

Vision for Emmanuel

The Revd Canon Dr Michael Leyden

The Prayers of Penitence

The president introduces the celebration and prayers of penitence.

Deacon Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

The cantor sings the first kyrie which is then repeated at once by everyone.

Cantor Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

All Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Deacon Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison,
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.**

Deacon Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

Music by Dinah Reindorf, Accra, Ghana

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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

The Gloria

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 caelestis,
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 on earth
to those of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you.
We give thanks to you
for your 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,
you that take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You that take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You who are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy,
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

Merciful Father,
your son Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us;
give us grace,
that we who bear his name
may fix our eyes on him,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit
proclaim his gospel in word and deed;
until that day when he shall come again
and all things shall be made new.
Amen.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Read by Dr Addy Lazz-Onyenobi,
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

(Isaiah 7.10-14)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as the cantor sings the alleluia,
which is then repeated at once by everyone, and sing after each verse.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Blessed apostles sing praise;
prophets and martyrs give glory;
'For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!'

You are the Christ everlasting,
born for us all of a Virgin,
named Emmanuel, for ever God is with us

Christopher Walker (born 1947) – v 3 adapted.

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The Gospel

The deacon says

(Matthew 1.18-25)

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Sermon

The Right Reverend Philip North

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

Commissioning

Bp Mark invites the trustees and staff team to stand and then says

Will you place Jesus Christ at the centre of your work and lead,
teach and administer solely to his honour and glory?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you play your part in building up a hope-filled community as
you model in your own life a rich and joyful faith in Jesus Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you seek to play your part in declaring the Good News of Jesus Christ and so form Christian leaders who can fulfil their vocation to share in the mission of God?

With the help of God, we will.

The trustees and staff team sit down.

The students stand.

Will you, through prayer, worship and study of the Word, centre your lives wholly on Christ that you might be equipped for service in his name?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you, in your common life, encourage in each other a joyful hope in Christ's saving work and so dare to place all your trust in him?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you, through practical service, actively seek to stir up the gifts the Spirit has given you and so dedicate your whole selves to sharing in God's mission to his world?

With the help of God, we will.

The trustees and staff team also stand and the students remain standing

The president addresses the whole of Emmanuel Theological College.

Will you work as one body in hope and trust and joy in order to form the whole of people of God for the whole mission of God?

With the help of God, we will.

He concludes

Students, staff and trustees of Emmanuel Theological College you have promised to be Christ-centred, hope-filled and mission-orientated disciples of Jesus Christ. So I now commission you to form the people of God for the mission of God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Everyone stands to sing

Song

Spi-rit break out, break our walls down.

Spi rit break out, hea ven come down. Our Fa ther,

all of hea-ven roars you name: sing loud-er, let this place e-rupt with

praise. Can you hear it? The sound of hea-ven touch-ing earth,

the sound of hea ven touch ing earth. Our Fa ther, earth. Spi rit break out,

Spirit break out, break our walls down.

Spirit break out, heaven come down.

Our Father, all of heaven roars your name;
sing louder, let this place erupt with praise.

Can you hear it?

The sound of heaven touching earth,
the sound of heaven touching earth.

Chorus

King Jesus, you're the name we're lifting high.
Your glory, shaking up the earth and skies.
Revival

– we want to see your kingdom here,
we want to see your kingdom here.

Chorus

Luke Hellebronth, Myles Dhillon, Tim Hughes and Ben Bryant

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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.

The deacon says

Let us greet one another with a word of peace.

Please do not move from your seat when offering a greeting.

Preparation of the Table

[This was completed before the service began]

Offertory Hymn

SAGINA



And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all : the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.



He left his Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite his grace -
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The choir sings:

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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 Mary, Paul and 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each 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 nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... الذي في السموات...
Tève Mūsu, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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 sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.

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.**

During communion

The choir sings the motet and song

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos
in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero. Amen

*Where there is love and charity, God is there.
The love of Christ has brought us
together in one body.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us love and fear the living God.
And let us love God with all our hearts. Amen*

Music by Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

The choir sings

Who am I that the highest king
would welcome me?
I was lost but he brought me in.
Oh, his love for me;
oh his love for me.
*Who the Son sets free,
oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

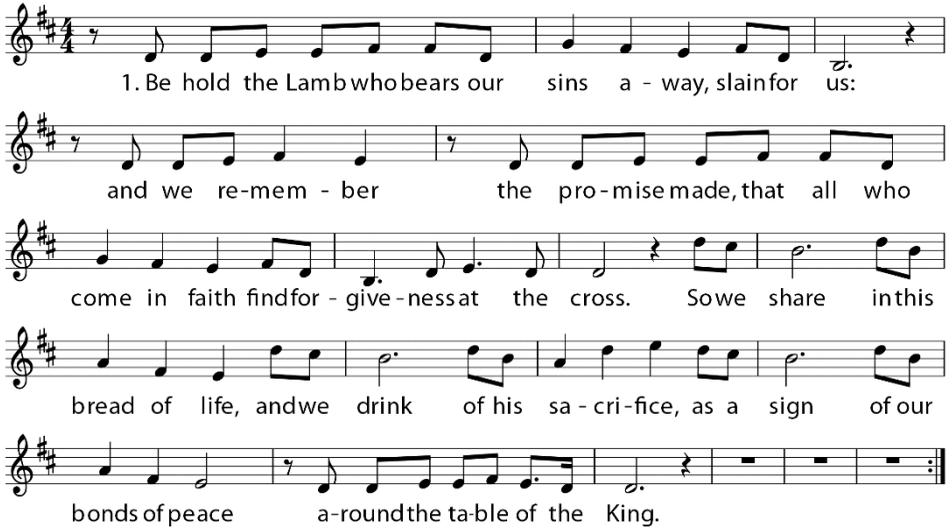
Free at last,
he has ransomed me,
his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me,
yes he died for me.
*Who the Son sets free,
oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house,
there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

I am chosen,
not forsaken,
I am who you say I am.
You are for me,
not against me,
I am who you say I am.
I am chosen,
not forsaken,
I am who you say I am.
You are for me,
not against me,
I am who you say I am.
I am who you say I am.
*Who the Son sets free,
oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house,
there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan (born 1975)

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Communion Song



1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
and we re-mem - ber the pro-mise made, that all who
come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice, as a sign of our
bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
torn for you: eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

Please stand to sing the final verse

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

Keith Getty (b. 1974), Kristyn Getty (b. 1980) and Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us as Emmanuel
the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

**We praise and thank you, creator God,
for you have not left us alone.
Every year we celebrate your coming as Emmanuel.
Every eucharist celebrates his death,
in the bread we break and the cup we share,
until that day when we shall see you face to face,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Final Hymn

DIADEMATA



Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake my soul and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root, whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

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 Organ Voluntary

Symphony for Organ No. 5 (Toccata)

Charles-Marie Jean Albert Widor (1844 -1937)

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