

The Parish
Eucharist
on
The Fourth
Sunday of Lent

Sunday, 19 March, 2023

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

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

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

The setting for the service is
St Anne's Mass - James Macmillan (b. 1959)

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(1 Samuel 16.1-13)

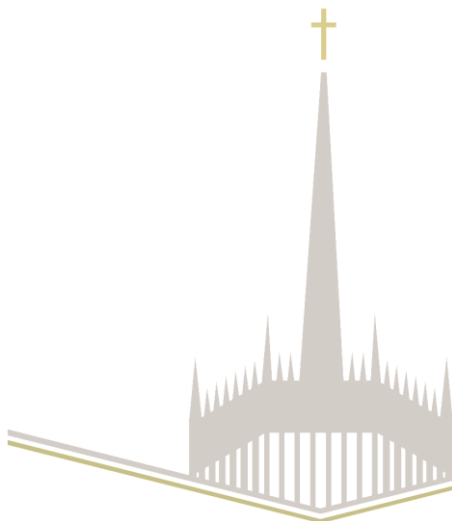
A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



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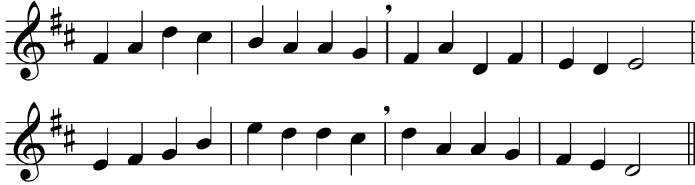


The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

ALL FOR JESUS 140



All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour:
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar
thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee
in thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,
all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

W.J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

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

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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Everyone sings

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Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.

Christ, -have mer-cy Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4-measure rest. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'Christ, -have mer-cy Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy.' and ends with a double bar line.

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 Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Son our Lord.
Amen.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Read by Chris Ward

(Ephesians 5.8-14)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual hymn

AMAZING GRACE



Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

My rebel soul, that once withstood
the Saviour's kindest call,
rejoices now, by grace subdued,
to serve him with its all.



Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this heart
and flesh shall fail
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

*John Newton (1725–1807),
William Cowper (1731–1800), John Rees (1828–1900)*

The Gospel

(John 9.1-41)

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.'

He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can

a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.’ His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, ‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ He answered them, ‘I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?’ Then they reviled him, saying, ‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

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

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 president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by John Wilson

Please sit down or kneel for the prayers.

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those who are unwell,

Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, David Morris, Derek Crompton, Jeanette, Jordan Hudson, Juliet Stansfield, Karen Kennedy, Lisa, Lorraine Aldritt, Lynn Martin, Margaret Ingham, Martyn Strickett, Stephanie Wilson, Stuart Roberts, Sue Penfold and Zack Kerr;

or those who mourn, and remembering those who have died recently,

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,
Thomas L Duerden (20), Jane Crowther (23),
George Herbert Hurst, Frank Cecil Turner (25),
Mary Jane Brogden, Gordon Chalmers, Val Pollock (26)
[numbers are days of the month]

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand with the president for the peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president says

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Romans 5.1,2

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

When offering a greeting and please respect those who may wish to keep their distance and not pass the peace physically.

Please give what you prayerfully can in the collection basket.
You may prefer to use the collection point on the way out or
use the Cathedral's Just Giving scheme which you can access
using the QR code provided here.

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forms provided on your chair. Please do consider joining the
Parish Giving Scheme.



Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing

Offertory hymn

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Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), Tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

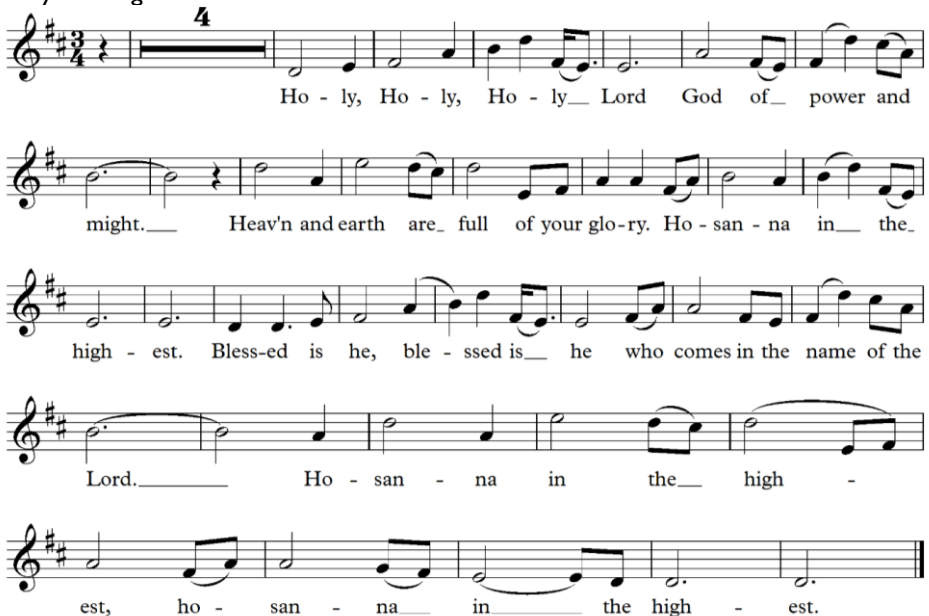
The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

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 saying:

Everyone sings



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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he, ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -
est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Têve Mûsu, 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.**

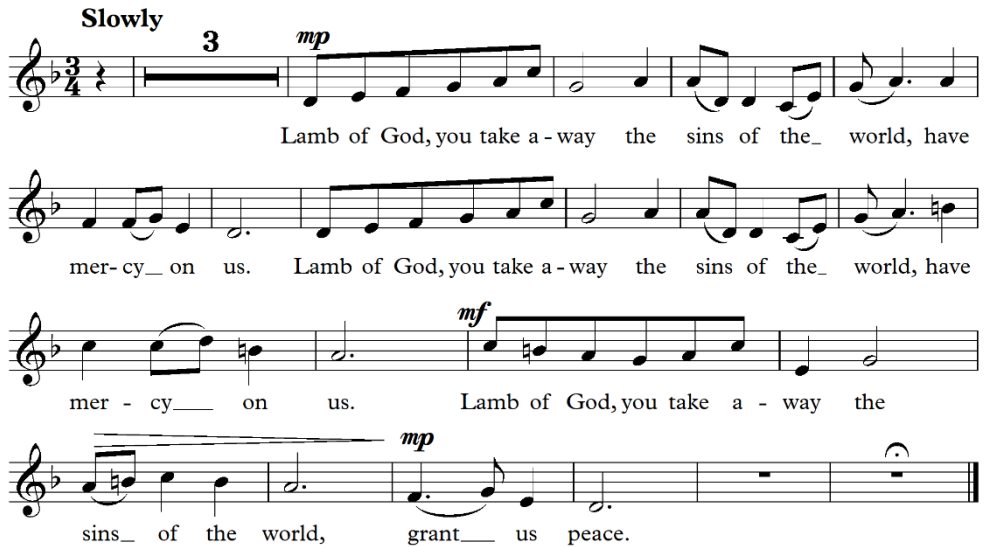
The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Everyone sings

Slowly



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

The president says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

When you are ready to receive communion please approach the president in single file and return to your seat by one of the side aisles.

Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.

Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say

The body of Christ.
Amen.

After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the next minister before returning to your place.

The minister distributing wine will say

The blood of Christ.
Amen.

If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second minister and return to your place.

During communion

The choir sings

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,
he maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil,
For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy,
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
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 Organ Voluntary

Stabat Mater

Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733)

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service.

The president will leave immediately and may go outside at first.

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 19 March 2023

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Gibbons Short Service

Almighty and everlasting God - Gibbons

Responses Smith

Psalm 31.1-8

Next Sunday

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Old Testament reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalm

130

New Testament reading

Romans 8.6-11

Gospel Reading

John 11.1-45

Blackburn Foodbank in March

During March we are collecting **DEODORANT**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

Monday 20 Mar

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 21 Mar	<i>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556</i>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Tallis Dorian Mode</i>	Responses <i>Sumsion</i>
	<i>Ex Ore Innocentium - Ireland</i>	Psalm 9, 10
Wednesday 22 Mar		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
11.30pm	Eucharist (BCP)	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Byrd Fauxbordons</i>	Responses <i>Sumsion</i>
	<i>God so loved the world - Stainer</i>	Psalm 11, 12, 13
Thursday 23 Mar		
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Dyson in F</i>	Responses <i>Dore</i>
	<i>Nolo mortem peccatoris - Morley</i>	Psalm 18.1-15
Friday 24 Mar	<i>Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396</i>	
	<i>Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953</i>	
	<i>Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980</i>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
12.30pm	Eucharist	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Saturday 25 Mar	<i>The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
9.00am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
4.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Sunday 26 Mar	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	
9.00am	The Parish Eucharist	
	<i>St Anne's Mass – Macmillan</i>	
	<i>Drop, Drop Slow Tears - Gibbons arr. Blackwell</i>	
10.30am	The Cathedral Eucharist <i>The Cathedral Choir</i>	
	<i>Mass for 5 voices - Byrd</i>	
	<i>Ne irascaris Domine - Byrd</i>	Psalm 130
4.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Tomkins (5th service)</i>	Responses <i>Tomkins</i>
	<i>When David heard - Tomkins</i>	Psalm 30
Monday 27 Mar		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 28 Mar		
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
	<i>Dyson in C minor</i>	Responses <i>Leighton</i>
	<i>The Woodcutters Song - Vaughan Williams</i>	Psalm 33

Wednesday 29 Mar

8.30am Morning Prayer
11.30pm Eucharist (BCP)
5.00pm **Choral Evensong**
Thiman in G
O mysterium ineffabile - Laloutette

Responses *Leighton*
Psalm 119.33-56

Thursday 30 Mar

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm **Choral Evensong**
Wood in D
A new commandment - Nardone
John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631

Responses *Clucas*
Psalm 40

Friday 31 Mar

8.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872

Saturday 1 Apr

9.00am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 2 Apr

Palm Sunday

9.00am **The Parish Eucharist**
St Anne's Mass – Macmillan
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross - arr. Dan Forrest
10.30am **The Cathedral Eucharist** *The Cathedral Choir*

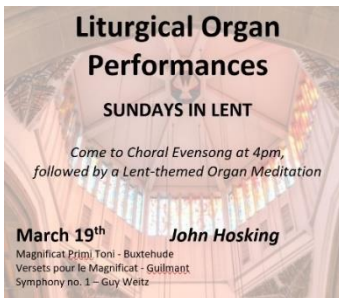
Rheinberger in E
Christus factus est - Bruckner

Psalm 31.9-16

4.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Stanford in A
O for a closer walk with God - Stanford

Responses *Leighton*
Psalm 80



Liturgical Organ Performances
SUNDAYS IN LENT
Come to Choral Evensong at 4pm, followed by a Lent-themed Organ Meditation
March 19th **John Hosking**
Magnificat Primi Toni - Buxtehude
Versets pour le Magnificat - Gullmunt
Symphony no. 1 - Guy Weitz

Pictures for Sale

There are a series of pictures by Mihaela Mladin available to view and buy in the Temple Gallery. Proceeds go to the Cathedral Choir.

Holy Week and Easter

Gary is offering a standalone session exploring the seasons of Holy Week and Easter as part of his regular *Liturgy and Worship* meetings exploring worship in different seasons.

Wed 29 March at 7.30pm
in the Cathedral Conference Suite

