



The Parish
Eucharist on
The Seventeenth Sunday after
Trinity

Sunday, 1 October, 2023
9.00am

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

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

Organist
Nigel Spooner

The setting for the service is the
Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.

Welcome to this morning's service

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

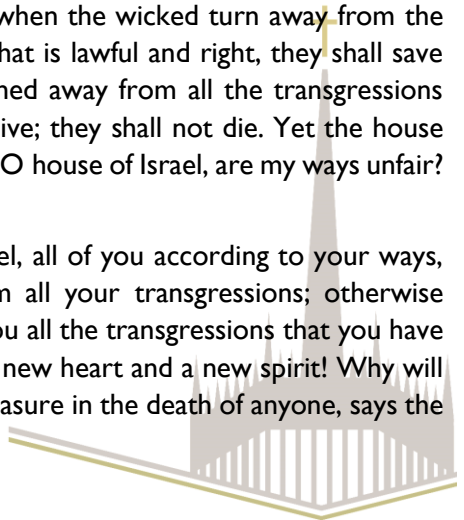
Old Testament Reading

(Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32)

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.



The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

JERUSALEM 488



Though one with God, yet not by might did Christ his



eq-ual sta-tus claim: in—stead he gave up all he



had and as a hum—ble ser-vant came. In world-ly



form, of wom—an born, he lived at one with hu-man—



kind and strove and stum—bled to the cross that we the



path to life might find.



There-fore God raised him af-ter death, raised him to
 reign in earth and heaven: the one whom we con-sid-ered
 least the great-est name by God was given. And, so to
 hon-our Je-sus' name, all who have life or are to
 be shall kneel pro-claim-ing 'Christ is Lord!' and wor-ship
 God e-tern-al-ly.

Philippians 2 .6-11 versified by John Bell and Graham Maule © 1989 The Iona Community.

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

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

*The choir sings the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone
and sung again after each section as indicated.*



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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

New Testament Reading

Read by Jane Hollins-Gibson

(Philippians 2.1-13)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

FRAGRANCE



Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor:
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.

You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenwards, by your eternal plan:
you are our God, beyond all praising,
yet for love's sake, became a man.

Lord, you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you;
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
Lord, you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you.

Frank Houghton (1894-1972), adapted Jubilate Hymns

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*Music Quelle est cette odeur agréable (Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing)
French trad. carol arr. by David Willcocks (1919-2015).*

The Gospel

(Matthew 21.23-32)

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**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 Mihaela Mladin

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those who are ill at home or in hospital,

Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Freyja Shoniwa, Jeanette, Jordan Hudson, Lisa,
Lynn Martin, Margaret Ingham, Oliver Colville and Sue Penfold;

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

Kevin Kenny and Roger Noel Hamblin;

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Arthur Whalley (1), John Tattersall (3), Robert Henry Hesketh, Joan Hunwick,
Rod Wilson (5), David Roberts, and Brian Lowe (7). [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 introduces the Peace and then says

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

Let us greet one another with a word of peace.

When offering a greeting, please respect those who may wish to keep their distance and who may not wish to 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 Parish Giving scheme which you can access using the QR code provided here. You can make a one-off payment either by name or anonymously and there is an option to Gift Aid your donation.



Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing

Offertory hymn

GUITING POWER



Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.*

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.*

Michael Saward (1932-2015)

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So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name.*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

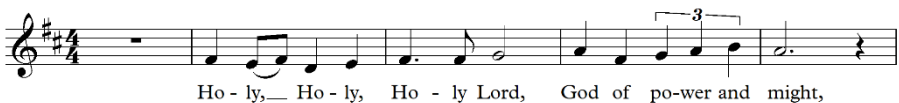
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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:

Everyone sings



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na_

in the_high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name__ of the_

Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na_ in the_ high - est.

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 Mary, Paul 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

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:

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.**

Everyone sings

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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
 which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
in you, O God, I put my trust
never let me be put to shame
or let adversity defeat me.*

*Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God, my saviour.*

*Be mindful of your compassion and love,
O Lord, for they are of old.
Forgive my sins and remember me in love
for the sake of your goodness.*

Amen.

Text Psalm 25.1-6

Music by Nigel Walsh

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Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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

Prelude and Fugue in C
BWV 553 formerly attributed to

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

*Please note that refreshments today are in the Temple Gallery affording
you an opportunity to view Paintings by Jack Aspinall
including the new portrait of Bishop Julian*

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Monday 2 Oct

8.30am Morning Prayer
 5.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 3 Oct

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
 5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Stanford in B-flat

Responses *Leighton*

The Call - Vaughan Williams

Psalm 74

Wednesday 4 Oct

Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am Eucharist (BCP)

5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Ridout in E

Responses *Leighton*

The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter

Psalm 119.81-104

Thursday 5 Oct

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist

5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Moore (2nd service)

Responses *Archer in D*

Ave Maria - Lindley

Psalm 78.40-55

Friday 6 Oct

William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 7 Oct

9.00am Morning Prayer with Eucharist

4.00pm Evening Prayer

Monday 9 Oct

Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10 Oct

Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644

Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist

5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Plainsong; Burgon

Responses *Rose*

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

Psalm 89.19-end

Wednesday 11 Oct

Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675

James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am Eucharist (BCP)

5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Noble in B minor

Responses *Rose*

A Gaelic Blessing - Rutter

Psalm 91, 93

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 1 October, 2023

Flowers today are given by Stuart and Joy Rothwell in loving memory of Parnal,
and by Phil Hunwick in loving memory of Joan,
and by Jill and David Kay in celebration of their granddaughter's baptism today .

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Jackson in G

O for a closer walk with God - Stanford

Responses *Burk*

Psalm 120, 123, 124

Next Sunday

Old Testament reading

Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 or 28.1-14

Psalm

65

New Testament reading

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Gospel Reading

Luke 12.16-30 or 17.11-19

Small Groups

Small Groups are restarting after their Summer break. This Autumn we will be studying two important women in the Old Testament: Ruth and Esther. If you would like to find out more and if you would like to start attending a small group, speak to Canon James Missioner@Blackburncathedral.co.uk

Blackburn Foodbank in September

We are collecting **ADULT TOOTHPASTE**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.



Sunday 8 Oct

Harvest Thanksgiving

9.00am

The Parish Eucharist

Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

For the Beauty of the Earth - Carter

10.30am

The Cathedral Eucharist

Darke in F

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Howells Collegium Regale

For lo, I raise up - Stanford

**Services and
Music List**

Psalm 65

Responses *Leighton*

Psalm 126