

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



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Holy Communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

27 September 2020

11.00 am



The Holy Eucharist

The Eucharist is the service which Jesus Christ instituted on the night before he was crucified, when he said “do this in remembrance of me”. Since then, the church all over the world has celebrated using bread and wine; and the altar where the table is laid for communion is the heart of any church.

So it is that we participate in Christ’s life, joining with all other Christians, by sharing in God’s Word through the bible, sermon and prayers and by sharing symbolically in his body and blood through the bread and wine.

The text of this service booklet is from the Church of England’s Common Worship, and covers all ordinary Sundays throughout the year, when the liturgical colour is green. Special seasons of the Church calendar, such as Easter and Christmas, have their own special service booklet.

Some people find it helpful to make the ‘sign of the cross’ at various points in the service, as a reminder of God’s presence as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and his great love for us shown in Jesus Christ who opened wide his arms for all peoples on the cross. Those suggested points in the service are marked with a ✠ sign. The sign of the cross is traditionally made using your right hand: touch your forehead at ‘Father’; the lower middle of your chest at ‘Son’; the left shoulder at ‘Holy’, and the right shoulder at ‘Spirit’.

The Holy Eucharist has four main sections:

The Gathering, when we come together in worship. This concludes with the Collect (the prayer for the week) which ‘collects’ or gathers together the prayers of the congregation.

The Liturgy of the Word, when we listen to readings from the Bible and hear the sermon, say together our Creed or Affirmation of Faith and offer our prayers of intercession.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament, when we follow the example and command of Jesus at the Last Supper. The President (a priest or bishop) takes the bread and the wine to be consecrated, offers thanks in the words of the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, breaks the bread to be shared, and then distributes these gifts to the congregation.

The Dismissal, in which the President blesses the congregation and we are sent out to love and serve the Lord.

Welcome to this morning's livestreamed service. Thank you for continuing to join our services virtually. As we are now permitted to come together, albeit in a limited manner, for public worship, the service will look slightly different to allow us to comply with government guidelines. There will be music from the organ and choir, but there will be no hymns as congregational singing in church is still not permitted due to the risk of infection. Thank you for your understanding.

¶ The Gathering

The Greeting

After the welcome, please stand.

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

An organ voluntary is played during the procession after which the President says

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

The Prayer of Preparation

All **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

Deacon 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.

Everyone sits or kneels as silence is kept.

Deacon Christ came in humility to share our lives:
 forgive our pride.
 Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Christ, have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

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.

All Amen.

All stand as the Choir sings

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus
bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe;
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 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,
Jesu 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 most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Music: Missa in simplicitate, Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit as Sue Tanner reads

The First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

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.

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

All For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

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.

Philippians 2.1–13

All For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Everyone stands as the cantor and choir sing

The Gospel Acclamations

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Cantor I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.
All **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.'

Matthew 21.23–32

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

Everyone sits for

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Dr Andrew Todd
Senior Lecturer in Theology at Anglia Ruskin University

Music for Reflection

The sermon is followed by a time for reflection during which time the organist will play:

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 633
J S Bach, 1685-1750

Everyone stands for

The Creed

President Let us now proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptized and in which we live and grow.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made all things?

All We believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

All We believe and trust in him.

President This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world
and let us thank God for his goodness.

Everyone sits or kneels as Fiona Knapp leads the prayers.

The prayers conclude with:

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

Everyone stands for

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
*If you have other members of your household with you, you may wish to share
the peace with them now. If are alone, know Christ's Peace to be with you now.*

The choir may sing a hymn or canticle as the altar is prepared.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

President 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:

Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

Music: Missa in simplicitate, Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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.

Deacon
All

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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,
James, Edmund 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:

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

The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people.

Everyone sits or kneels for

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon As Jesus taught us, so we pray,

**All 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

President Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Agnus Dei

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.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Music: Missa in simplicitate, Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

President Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Spiritual Communion

'Spiritual Communion' is a historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically. It is possible because Communion is always a spiritual practice and not simply physical. Through God's grace, whilst we cannot receive the bread and wine, we can still receive the sacrament in our hearts, and share in communion with Jesus. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere who cannot receive the bread and wine at this time. The following prayer is one form of words to use for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 for all the benefits you have given me,
 for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
 Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
 I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
 O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
 may I know you more clearly,
 love you more dearly,
 and follow you more nearly,
 day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Tantum ergo

Tantum ergo sacramentum
 veneremur cernui,
 et antiquum documentum
 novo cedat ritui;
 praestet fides supplementum
 sensuum defectui.

*Therefore we, before him bending,
 this great sacrament revere:
 types and shadows have their ending.
 For the newer rite is here;
 faith, our outward sense befriending,
 makes the inward vision clear.*

Genitori Genitoque
 laus et iubilatio,
 salus, honor, virtus quoque
 sit et benedictio;
 procedenti ab utroque
 compar sit laudatio.
 Amen.

*Glory let us give and blessing
 to the Father and the Son
 honour, might and praise addressing,
 while eternal ages run;
 ever too his love confessing,
 who, from both, with both is one.
 Amen.*

Music: Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.
 Almighty God,
 you have taught us through your Son
 that love is the fulfilling of the law:
 grant that we may love you with our whole heart
 and our neighbours as ourselves;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

All **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 for

¶ *The Dismissal*

The Blessing

Christ, who has nourished us
with himself the living bread
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up on the last day;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the procession moves to the Cathedral west end and
the organist plays*

The Organ Voluntary

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542
J S Bach, 1685-1750

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