

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



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Sung Eucharist

on the

Second Sunday of Epiphany

17 January 2021

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 President) 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.

For young people joining the service online, there is an accompanying activity worksheet available [on our website](#).

Welcome to this morning's livestreamed service. Thank you for continuing to join our services virtually. As we are only permitted to lead worship in a very limited manner during the current lockdown, the service will look slightly different again to allow us to comply with government guidelines. There will be music from the organ and a cantor. 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.

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

All And also with you.

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

President The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us
to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

Everyone sits or kneels as silence is kept.

Deacon We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Deacon We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Deacon We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

President May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed ✠ from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Everyone stands as the cantor sings the

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will toward 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, Jesus 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 the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Music: Communion Service in E, Leo Sowerby, 1895-1968

The Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 Susie Sloane reads

The First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

1 Samuel 3.1-10

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Revelation 5.1-10

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

Everyone stands as the cantor sings

The Gospel Acclamations

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed to the nations,
believed in throughout the world.
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 John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

John 1.43-51

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

Everyone sits for

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Joe Hawes
Dean of St Edmundsbury

Music for Reflection

*The sermon is followed by a time for reflection during which time
William Saunders will play:*

Prelude in G major, Op. 37, No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Everyone stands for

The Affirmation of Faith

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

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

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

All We believe 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 Julie Eaton 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

President Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old order has passed away, behold everything is renewed.

President The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All 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.

As the altar is prepared, a hymn or canticle may be sung or played.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,
our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

President All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
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:

Cantor 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: Communion Service in E, Leo Sowerby, 1895-1968

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon Jesus Christ is Lord:
All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free,
you are the Saviour of the world.

President Accept through him, our great high priest,
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
 in the presence of your divine majesty,
 renew us by your Spirit,
 inspire us with your love
 and unite us in the body of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

 Through him, and with him, and in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 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.

All Amen.

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

Everyone sits or kneels for

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.'

The cantor sings the

Agnus Dei

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: Communion Service in E, Leo Sowerby, 1895-1968

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

Remain seated or kneeling as the cantor sings the

Anthem

Lift up your hearts and be ye glad
In Christ his birth, the angel bade.
Say each to other, if any be sad:

*What cheer? Good cheer!
Be merry and glad this good New Year!*

The King of heav'n his birth hath take:
Now joy and mirth we ought to make.
Say each to other, for his dear sake:

I tell you all with heart so free,
Right welcome ye be all to me;
Be glad and merry for charity.

Music: Peter Warlock, 1894-1930

Prayer after Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

¶ The Dismissal

Please stand for

The Blessing

President May God the Father,
 who led the wise men by the shining of a star
 to find the Christ, the Light from light,
 lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All Amen.

 May God the Son,
 who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
 transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

All Amen.

 May God the Holy Spirit,
 who came upon the beloved Son
 at his baptism in the river Jordan,
 pour out his gifts on you
 who have come to the waters of new birth.

All Amen.

 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 Be in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God.

Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and William Saunders plays

The Organ Voluntary

Tuba Tune

Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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