

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



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**Sung Eucharist**  
*on the*  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

16 May 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. One 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 reasons of Safeguarding and Data Protection, members of the public are **not permitted to take photographs or video recordings** during services and events.

We wish to inform you that photographs, video or livestream footage in which you may appear **could be used by the Cathedral at any time and appear in the public domain including social media.**

**Please note that this morning's service will be livestreamed on Facebook. If you do not want to appear in this please inform a warden or verger.**

**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 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 singers, but there will be no collective hymns as congregational singing in church is still not permitted due to the risk of infection. Thank you for your understanding.

Before the notices, members of Junior Church will be invited by Junior Church leaders to leave their pew and follow them up to the Edmund Room for Junior Church. They will then return to their seats in time to receive Communion.

## ¶ The Gathering

### **New Director of Music**

*Our new Director of Music, Timothy Parsons, is formally welcomed and installed.*

### **The Gathering**

*After the welcome, please stand.*

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*A hymn or canticle may be sung or played.*

### **The Greeting**

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

Deacon      What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord.

*Everyone sits or kneels as silence is kept.*

Deacon      When our hearts are cold,  
and we find it hard to show your love:  
renew us by your Holy Spirit  
Lord have mercy.

**All**      **Lord have mercy.**

Deacon      When our hearts doubt you,  
and our trust in you is weak:  
refresh us with your Holy Spirit.  
Christ have mercy.

**All**      **Christ have mercy.**

Deacon      When we are cast down  
or broken in heart:  
strengthen us with your Holy Spirit.  
Lord have mercy.

**All**      **Lord have mercy.**

President    May Christ forgive ✕ you your sins  
and dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the good fruit of the Spirit.

**All**      **Amen.**

*All stand as the choir sings the*

## **Gloria in excelsis**

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Et in terra pax hominibus  
bonæ voluntatis.

*Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth, peace,  
goodwill towards men.*

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, 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.

*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,  
thou 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 the Father, have mercy on us.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord,  
Thou only art the most high  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

*Music: Mass No. 2 in G major, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828*

## **The Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit as David Eaton reads*

### The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Acts 1.15–17, 21–26, NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

*Julie Eaton reads*

### The Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*1 John 5.9–13, NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

Everyone stands as the choir sings

## The Gospel Acclamations

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Cantor Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.  
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 John.  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

*John 17.6–19, NRSV*

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

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Everyone sits for*

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Michael Robinson  
Bishops' Chaplain and Canon Theologian

## **Music for Reflection**

*The sermon is followed by a time for reflection during which Richard Cook will play:*

Presto from Pieces for Musical Clocks, No. 12  
*Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809*

*Everyone stands for*

## **The Creed**

**All**        **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
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 Lorna Brook 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    God has made us one in Christ.  
                  He has set his seal upon us  
                  and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
                  has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

**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.*

*There may be a hymn or canticle as the altar is prepared.*

### **Preparation of the Table**

### **The Taking of the Bread and Wine**

President    Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
                  In your loving care you spread before us the table of life  
                  and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
                  Keep us always in the fold  
                  of our Saviour and our Shepherd,  
                  your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**            **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The President and choir sing the Sursum Corda.*



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

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.**

President It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.  
He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.  
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

Choir	<p>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,          Dominus Deus sabaoth.          Pleni sunt coeli et terra          gloria tua.          Hosanna in excelsis.</p> <p>Benedictus qui venit          in nomine Domini.          Hosanna in excelsis.</p>	<p><i>Holy, holy, holy Lord          God of hosts,          heaven and earth are full          of thy glory:          Glory be to thee, O Lord          most high.</i></p> <p><i>Blessed is he that cometh          in the name of the Lord:          Hosanna in the highest.</i></p>
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*Music: Mass No. 2 in G major, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828*

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:

**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      Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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 choir sings the*

## **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.      *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.      *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.      *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*Music: Mass No. 2 in G major, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828*

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

## 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*

## The Communion

*Please follow the directions of the cathedral wardens.*

*Gluten free bread: please indicate to the administering priest if you require a gluten free Communion bread.*

*The choir sings the*

## **Anthem**

Ave verum Corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latum perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
mortis in examine.

*Hail true body  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
Having truly suffered and been offered  
as a sacrifice on the cross for humanity  
from your side flowed  
a stream of water and blood  
be for us a foretaste (of final victory)  
in our own struggle with death.*

*Music: W.A. Mozart, 1756-1791*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

President Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**All** **God of life,  
who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## ¶ The Dismissal

*Please stand for*

### **The Blessing**

President    May the Spirit,  
                  who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
                  breathe into you the life he gives.

**All            Amen.**

                  May the Spirit,  
                  who overshadowed the Virgin  
                  when the eternal Son came among us,  
                  make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**All            Amen.**

                  May the Spirit,  
                  who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
                  bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

**All            Amen.**

                  And the blessing of God almighty,  
                  Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit,  
                  be upon you and remain with you always.

**All            Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Deacon      Praying for the power of the Spirit,  
                  go in the light and peace of Christ.  
                  Alleluia, alleluia.

**All            Thanks be to God.  
                  Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and Richard Cook plays*

### **The Organ Voluntary**

Fugue in C major BWV 545  
*J.S. Bach, 1685-1750*



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