



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist



Creationtide

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

11.00am

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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

<sup>2</sup>In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

<sup>3</sup>For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Tune: EAST ACKLAM

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*The President says*

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

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

**And also with you.**

**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 President introduces*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*Remain standing to say*

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

*The President says*

The Lord enrich you with his grace,  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

*Remain standing as the choir sings*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

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, 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.

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

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.**

*Sit*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 50.4-9a*

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 116.1-9*

I am well pleased :  
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me :  
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about :  
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord :  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous :  
yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple :  
I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul :  
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death :  
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord :  
in the land of the living.

*Stand as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond*



God has spoken to us through his Son,  
through whom he created the worlds.

**Alleluia.**

## **The Gospel**

*Mark 8.27-38*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a Gospel fanfare*

*Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit*

## **Sermon**

The Reverend Dr T J N Naish, Canon Librarian

*After the Sermon, a few moments of silence are kept as we reflect on what we have heard and then we stand to sing*

## The Affirmation of Faith



**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

*Please sit when the President says 'Let us pray'*

## Prayers of Intercession

*One of these responses is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

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



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*Stand as the President says*

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

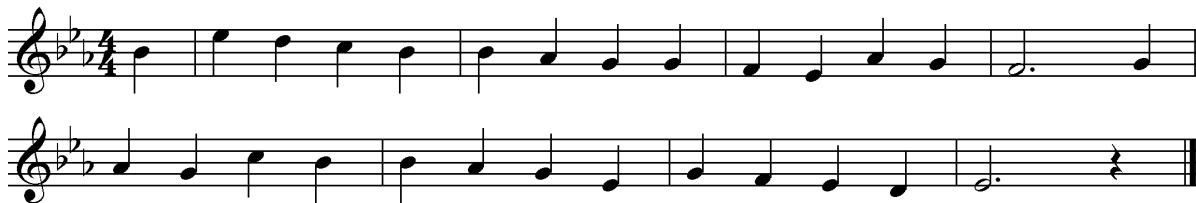
*Members of the congregation greet one another*

*Remain standing to sing **The Offertory Hymn** during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

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We come to this, your table, Lord,  
not certain of our rights,  
but trusting that your mercy finds  
us worthy in your sight.

<sup>2</sup>We would not dare to eat the crumbs  
that from your table fall,  
but for your invitation which  
extends to one and all.

<sup>3</sup>For you, Lord, are a God of love,  
your mercy never ends.  
Your grace has brought us here today,  
and now you call us friends.

<sup>4</sup>In bread may we receive Christ's flesh,  
to clean our bodies through,  
and in his life-blood wash ourselves  
to be remade anew.

<sup>5</sup>Lord, grant us grace to seek your face,  
and come and dwell with you,  
and dwell in us, that we may find  
ourselves more Christ-like too.

Words: Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Tune: ST PETER

*The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts*

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

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:

*The choir sings*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high, Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Thomas of Canterbury 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

*The President says*

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Notre Père...*

*Vater Unser...*

*Onze Vader...*

*Padre Nuestro...*

*Ojcie Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*Remain standing for*

## 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.**

*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.

*Sit as the President and other ministers begin*

## The Distribution of Communion

*Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host.***

We request that **you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.

If you wish to receive communion without climbing the steps to the High Altar, please join the line for the station in the North-East Transept.

We keep a **prayerful silence** during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.

During Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei and then the Motet

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.

Ave, verum corpus  
Natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum immolatum  
In cruce pro homine,  
Cuius latus perforatum  
Unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
In mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie,  
O Jesu, fili Mariae,  
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
who having truly suffered,  
was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,  
whose pierced side  
flowed with water and blood:  
May it be for us a foretaste  
in the trial of death.  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

Words: 13<sup>th</sup> Century Eucharistic Hymn

Music: Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand as the President says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

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**

*All then say*

**Lord of all Creation,  
as we have received the bread and wine,  
fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,  
so with joy we celebrate your goodness  
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Dismissal



O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'*

<sup>2</sup>When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

<sup>3</sup>And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

<sup>4</sup>When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim 'My God, how great thou art!'

Words: Stuart K Hine (1899-1989)

Tune: HOW GREAT THOU ART

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*The President says*

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters of creation  
and formed the world from chaos,  
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Tend the earth,  
care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

## **Organ Voluntary**

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