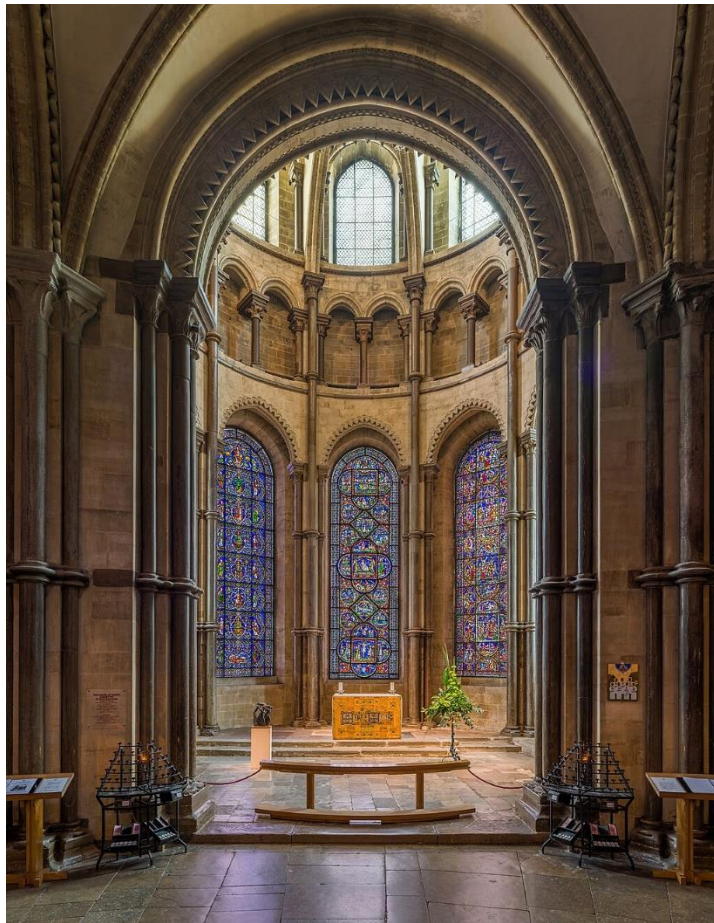




THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist



Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

11.00am

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Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), Missa brevis Sancti Ioannis de Deo

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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

<sup>2</sup>Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

<sup>3</sup>Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they shame our complaining, our comforts our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*Words:* Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

*Tune:* HANNOVER

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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

The saints were faithful unto death and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever. As we celebrate their joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

*Remain standing to say*

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*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.**

*Remain standing as the choir sings*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae 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; 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. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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. 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. 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. Amen.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty God,  
whose saints and martyrs reveal your grace and power throughout all ages  
and in our own time by their faithfulness in life and death:  
strengthen us with your grace, that we may endure reproach and persecution  
and faithfully bear witness to the name of 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**

## **The Epistle**      *Romans 8.35-end*

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 65*

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion :  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer :  
unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me :  
O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee :  
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness,  
O God of our salvation :  
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth,  
and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains :  
and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea :  
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth  
shall be afraid at thy tokens :  
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it :  
thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water :  
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof :  
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness :  
and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness :  
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep :  
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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



Whoever would become my followers,  
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**Alleluia.**

*Remain standing*

## **The Gospel**      *John 15.18-21*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.'

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 Archdeacon of Canterbury

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

## The Motet

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.

*Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.*

*Words: 14<sup>th</sup> Century Eucharistic Hymn*

*Music: W A Mozart (1756-91)*

*Following the Motet please stand*

## The Nicene Creed

**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.**

*Kneel or 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*

*The President says*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

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. If you would prefer to give electronically, please use the QR code.*

*When the thurifer turns to bow to the congregation, all turn to the altar.*







This is your body, for your people giv'n,  
We break the bread, and voice the sacred song;  
Food of the angels, taste of highest heav'n,  
crumbs dropped for all who fear we don't belong:  
We are your body, help us dare to share  
all that we have, and offer all we are.

<sup>2</sup>This is your blood, the pain that makes us whole  
With love was pressed from Christ's live-giving vine,  
The smallest sip can warm the coldest soul,  
And fill the human heart with fire divine:  
We are your body, help us yearn to share  
all that we have, and offer all we are.

<sup>3</sup>We are your body, fed with heavenly food,  
Washed through the blood that flows with heavenly love,  
And then you send us, by that love renewed,  
to find that earth is full of heav'n above.  
We are your body, in your grace we share  
all that we have, and offer all we are.

Words: Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Tune: SONG 1

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

God of faithfulness,  
the saints and martyrs of our own time praised you in their deaths.  
Receive all we bring before you this day,  
and give us the strength of will  
to proclaim your righteousness and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks,  
that in the witness of the saints and martyrs of our own time  
who followed Christ even to death,  
you reveal your power made perfect in our human weakness.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
In nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
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*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Sit as the President and other ministers begin*

## **The Distribution of Communion**

*We keep a **prayerful silence** together during Communion as we  
prepare to receive the sacrament and to pray afterwards.*

*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.*

*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.*

*During Communion, the choir may sing the Agnus Dei*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Stand as the President says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

God our Redeemer  
whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyrs of  
our own time:  
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice  
that our lives, broken and offered with his,  
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All then say*

**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.**

# The Dismissal



Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

<sup>2</sup>The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup>Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.

<sup>4</sup>Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

<sup>5</sup>Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

<sup>6</sup>For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*Words:* Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*Tune:* SONG 34 (ANGELS' SONG)

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*The President says*

God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and love and steadfastness:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

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