



The Cathedral
Eucharist
on the
The Seventh
Sunday after Trinity

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26 July, 2020

9.00am and 10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President of the 9.00am Eucharist is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Canon Precentor

The Preacher at both Eucharists is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Canon Precentor

The President of the 10.30am Eucharist is
Canon Rowena Pailing
Vice Dean and Canon Missioner

The Deacon of the 10.30am Eucharist is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Canon Precentor

The Subdeacon for the 10.30am Eucharist is
Ayodele Adebayo

The Cantors for the 10.30am Eucharist are
Angela Hicks and Logan Goodbody

There is no choir or congregational singing today.

Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by Canon Gary O'Neill

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The Organ Voluntary

Organ Concerto Op4 number 4, in F Major

George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

We are taking every care to follow appropriate social distancing good practice in this act of worship.

The essential elements are:

- Face masks should be worn.
- The two-metre 'rule' applies.
- Please go straight to a seat and remain there for the service.
- If you have arrived on your own today, please take a single chair.
- Double chairs are for partners and bubbles.
- There will be no corporate singing – there will be some solo singing – please do not join in!
- If you missed the deposit point for the collection, please give as you leave.
- The communion table is prepared before the service begins.
- Communion will be in one kind only.
 - Please remain standing to receive if you are able.
 - If you are sitting to receive please extend your hand.
 - No words of administration or reply will be used.
 - When you have received please sit down.
 - If you do not wish to receive today, please sit down.
- After the blessing and dismissal please remain standing, and follow the clergy and ministers and go out of the building, immediately;
- and, if the weather is suitable, please speak with each other outside, observing appropriate social distancing.

Thank you. Keep safe.

Please take your service paper home with you.
If you leave it behind it cannot be touched
by Cathedral staff for several days.

The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

S S Wesley (1810 – 1876)

Processional

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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.

The president introduces the celebration

The Prayer of Preparation

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

The deacon says

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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.

The Gloria

**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 – please remain standing

**Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.**

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Church in Rome

(Romans 8.26-end)

Read by Louise Hicks / Karen Kennedy

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

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.

Please remain seated for the recording of psalm sung Angela Hicks

Psalm

(128)

How blest are they that fear the Lord and walk in his way.
For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands:
Well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
Thy wife shall be the fruitful vine on the walls of thy house.
Thy children like the olive branches
growing round about thy table.
Lo, thus shall the man be blest that feareth the Lord.

Stephen Oliver (1950-92).

Please stand for the Gospel reading

The Gospel

The deacon says

(Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Canon Gary O'Neill

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.

Please stand with the president for

The 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Louise Hicks / Diane Warner

Please sit down or kneel for the prayers.

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

The president introduces the Peace and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Please do not physically pass the peace and please do not move from your seat.

While we are still following the safety protocols concerning the pandemic, no collection will be taken at this point.

If you are a UK tax payer and not a member of the Cathedral Stewardship Scheme, please use and sign the blue gift aid forms provided by the collection point near the entrance to the building.

Preparation of the Table

[This was completed before the service began]

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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:

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

**Blessed is he who comes 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.

The deacon says

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

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 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

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so
we say, in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

**Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... الذي في السموات...
Têve Mūsų, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...**

**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

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 Giving of Communion

The president says

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The body of Christ.
Amen.

Please stay standing in front of your chair and communion will be brought to you.

*Once you have received communion, or if you do not wish to receive on this occasion,
please sit down.*

<p>Communion is in one kind only, and no words of administration or reply are used – communion takes place silently.</p>
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During communion

If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?
It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,
who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

(Romans 8.3, 33-34)

George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

Like the psalm above this was recorded in the Cathedral earlier this week.

The hymn during communion is sung by the cantor alone.

Through the love of God our Saviour
all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favour;
all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation,
all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow
'All, all is well'.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
in our living, in our dying,
all must be well.

Mary Peters (1813-1856)

Tune: Ar hyd y nos

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

**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

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The president and minister will leave immediately.
Please follow them without sitting down,
and if the weather is suitable,
please speak with one another outside,
observing appropriate social distancing.

The clergy, ministers and people depart as the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

March on a theme of Handel

Alexander Guilmant – (1837 – 1911)

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The Cathedral this Week

The cathedral is open each days this week for individual and private prayer from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

It is also open from Tuesday to Friday for Morning and Evening Prayer (entry by side door) as follows:

Tuesday	28 July	Morning Prayer with Eucharist Evening Prayer in the Jesus Chapel and by Zoom
	8.30am	
	5.00pm	
Wednesday	29 July	<i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord</i> Morning Prayer Evening Prayer in the Jesus Chapel and by Zoom
	8.30am	
	5.00pm	
Thursday	30 July	<i>William Wilberforce, Social Reformer Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846</i> Morning Prayer with Eucharist Evening Prayer in the Jesus Chapel and by Zoom
	8.30am	
	5.00pm	
Friday	31 July	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer in the Jesus Chapel and by Zoom
	8.30am	
	5.00pm	

Details of how to take part in Evening Prayer by Zoom can be obtained by email the Gary O'Neill for details: precentor@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Next Sunday *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

Old Testament reading	Isaiah 55.1-15
Psalms	145.8-9, 15 - end
New Testament reading	Romans 9.1-5
Gospel Reading	Matthew 14.13-21

Coming soon

(subject to national and local restrictions)

Wednesday 9 Sept 12.30pm *Organ recital – John Robinson*

Wednesday 16 Sept 12.30pm *Organ recital – David Holroyd St Peter's Formby*

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