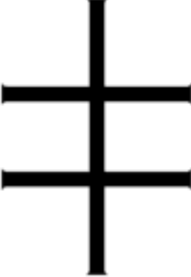


LIVERPOOL  CATHEDRAL

# Eucharist

for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Passiontide begins*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Welcome to Liverpool Cathedral** for the Eucharist on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday.

The preacher is the Canon Theologian, Prof. Leslie Francis.

An induction loop system is in operation: hearing aids should be switched to the 'T' position. Please ensure that all mobile telephones and devices are silenced before the service begins.

Throughout this order of service, indications of where the congregation should stand, sit or kneel are given for guidance.

## **The Gathering**

*As the Cathedral Procession enters from the West, we kneel or remain seated as the cantor sings*

### **The Litany**

O God the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son:  
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God:  
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers;  
neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,  
and be not angry with us for ever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil;  
from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

*Good Lord deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by  
thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, *R*

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion;  
by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, *R*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth;  
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement, *R*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God;  
and that it may please thee to rule and govern  
thy holy Church universal in the right way,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping  
of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy Servant *Elizabeth*,  
our most gracious *Queen* and Governor, *R*

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons,  
with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word;  
and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth

and shew it accordingly, *R*

That it may please thee to endue the High Court of Parliament and all the Ministers of the Crown, with grace, wisdom, and understanding, *R*

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, *R*

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, *R*

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, *R*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, *R*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, *R*

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*We stand*

## **The Greeting**

*The President greets the people.*

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

*The President welcomes the people and gives any notices.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*The Deacon says*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*We kneel or sit as the choir sings Kyrie Eleison*

Kyrie eleison.                      *Lord, have mercy.*  
Christe eleison.                  *Christ, have mercy.*  
Kyrie eleison.                    *Lord, have mercy.*

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Collect**

*The President says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*We sit for the first reading.*

**Reading:** *Hebrews 5. 5 - 10*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';  
as he says also in another place,  
'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'  
In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated as the cantor sings*

## **Verses from Psalm 119**

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.  
Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.  
For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.  
Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.  
O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!  
So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments. I  
will thank thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the  
judgements of thy righteousness. I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not  
utterly.

*We face the Deacon who reads the Gospel.*

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 12. 20 - 33*

*We turn to face the Deacon, who says*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Creed

*We stand, and the President says*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**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.**



*We sit or kneel for*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*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**

*We stand, and 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.**

*We do not exchange a physical sign of the peace.*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The President says*

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The President says*

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

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

*The choir sings*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli 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.*

*The President continues,*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction  
for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

*The Deacon says*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

*The cantor sings*

O Saviour of the world,  
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,  
save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

*The President continues*

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;  
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.**

*We kneel or sit.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The President prays for those making a spiritual communion at home.*

Heavenly Father, as we participate with your people in these holy mysteries, we pray you now to grant to those who seek it your gift of spiritual communion with trust in your faithfulness and your abiding love. Amen.

The body of Christ, broken for us. The blood of Christ shed for us.  
**Amen.**

*The President and people receive communion. Every Christian is welcome to receive Holy Communion in this Cathedral. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this to the ministers by holding this service booklet in front of you.*

## Motet

O salutaris Hostia quae coeli pandis  
ostium.

Bella premunt hostilia; da robur, fer  
auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna  
gloria:

qui vitam sine termino, nobis donet  
in patria.

Amen.

*O Saving Victim opening wide  
the gate of heaven to all below.*

*Our foes press on from every side;  
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.*

*To thy great name be endless praise*

*Immortal Godhead, One in Three;*

*O grant us endless length of days,*

*in our true native land with thee. Amen.*

*Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1227 – 1274)*

*Music: Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)*

## Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

*The President says*

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

## Blessing

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