

**YORK
MINSTER**

The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

THE EUCHARIST

ON THE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 10 March 2024

at 11.00am

The Eucharist

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We welcome those live-streaming from home, who share this service with those present in the Minster.

Today's service is sung by the Choir of York Minster. The setting of the Eucharist is the MASS FOR FIVE VOICES by William Byrd (c 1540–1623).

The President is the Revd Timothy Goode, Canon for Congregational Discipleship and Nurture. The Preacher is the Very Revd Dominic Barrington, Dean.



Information about this Service

- ◆ Please join in singing the congregational responses, as well as in saying together the words printed in bold type.
- ◆ This service is being live-streamed, but care is taken to focus on the clergy and choir and not the congregation.
- ◆ Please follow the directions of the stewards.
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- ◆ It is the custom at the Minster to receive the wine from the chalice only and not to intinct; please do not dip the wafer into the wine.
- ◆ The Minster donates 10% of the cash and direct debits given by worshippers at this service to charity. We are currently supporting three charities: HOPE Africa, a charity which was initiated by our companion link dioceses in SA; Mustard Seed, a York Diocese based organisation which works in the poorest parts of our diocese; and a variety of Refugee charities based in the City of York. The rest of the money given at this service is used to support the mission and ministry of York Minster. Thank you for your generosity.
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The Gathering

A bell is rung and prayers are sung. Please stand for the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn



1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessèd
are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they, who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessèd country,
shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessèd country,
shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!

Words AM 683, Bernard of Cluny (1090–1153) translated by the Revd John Mason Neale (1818–1866). Verse four from NEH 381.
Tune EWING, AM 683, Alexander Ewing (1830–1895)

The Greeting

The President says:

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The President introduces the service.

Dear friends in Christ, we gather as the people of God on this fourth Sunday of Lent, a day when the Lenten fast is relaxed and we come before God with thanksgiving and in joy. On this day Mary, the Mother of our Lord, is remembered as the mother of us all. On this day the Church recalls its vocation to be the mother of all people, and the heavenly city of Jerusalem the gathering place for all the saints in light. On this day, the baptized return to their mother church and we give thanks for all, who with a mother's love, nurture and protect us throughout our life.

Please remain standing.

Prayers of Penitence

A Minister says:

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The choir sings the Kyrie. Please remain standing.
Sunday School should follow the cross.*

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

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.

Please remain standing.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

EXODUS 2.1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn



1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory!
2. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand
he leads his own, his chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!
3. Thus all my gladsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises;
be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Words AM 778, *Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut* by Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690) translated into English by Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897)
Tune PALACE GREEN, AM 778i, Michael Fleming (1928–2006)
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Please sit.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

2 CORINTHIANS 1.3-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Reading

The choir begins the Acclamation with the response, which the congregation repeats. After the choir has sung the verse, everyone repeats the response again.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.



Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her; that you may feed and be satisfied from her consoling breast.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

JOHN 19.25b-27

After the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel.

Please sit for the sermon.

Sermon

The Very Revd Dominic Barrington, Dean

The organist plays a musical response to the sermon.

Please stand to say the Creed.

The Creed

Let us affirm 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

The President introduces the prayers with these words:

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Please sit or kneel.

After each section this response may be used:

God of love,
hear our prayer.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace:

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn



1. Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

4. Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

Words AM 450, John Lamberton Bell (*b* 1949) and Graham Maule (*b* 1958)

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Tune BLAENWERN, AM 337, William Penfro Rowlands (1860–1937)

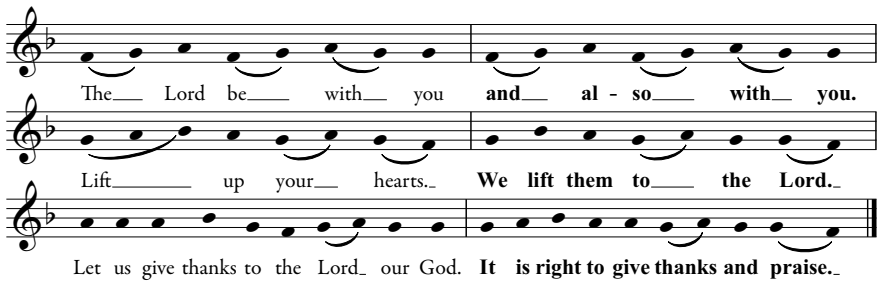
Taking of the Bread and Wine

This prayer is said as the gifts are presented:

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The following dialogue is said or sung:



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:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli 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.*

If comfortable please remain standing, otherwise please feel welcome to sit or kneel.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is marked 'Organ' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is 'Lord, by your cross and re - sur - rec - tion,' and the second line is 'you have set us free. You are the Sa-viour of the world.' The music ends with a double bar line.

Organ

Lord, by your cross and re - sur - rec - tion,
you have set us free. You are the Sa-viour 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.

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,
Peter, William of York, 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.

Organ *All*



A - men.

A short silence is kept.

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, 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.**

Giving of Communion

The President says an invitation to communion:

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

If you have remained standing, please now sit or kneel while making your preparation to receive communion and for prayerful reflection afterwards.

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
miserere nobis. world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
dona nobis pacem. world, grant us peace.*

and

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur, recolitur memoria passionis eius,
mens impletur gratia, et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

*O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

Words Magnificat antiphon, Second Vespers of Corpus Christi

Music Thomas Tallis (c 1505–1585)

*Communion is administered at a number of places. You will be guided by the Stewards.
If your child has been at a Sunday School group, please collect them now.*

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

The President says:

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

Hymn



1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words AM 739, Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)

translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)

Tune NUN DANKET, AM 739i, melody by Johann Crüger in *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (1647)

The Dismissal

Please remain standing.

The President says:

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you;
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you;
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.
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 or sings:

Organ Deacon

Go in the peace of Christ.

Everyone responds:

Organ All

Thanks be to God.

Verses from THE LENT PROSE are sung as the procession leaves.

At the end of the service, everyone will receive a small bunch of flowers as a gift from the Mother Church of the Diocese. All are invited to stay for refreshments, which include Simnel cake, the traditional fare of Mothering Sunday.

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