



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

# **THE EUCHARIST**

## **ON THE FEAST OF**

## **CHRIST THE KING**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**  
**at 11.00am**

## The Eucharist

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Feast of Christ the King. 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 MISSA BREVIS 'TONGUES OF FIRE' by Cecilia McDowall (b 1951).*

*The President is the Very Reverend Dominic Barrington, Dean.*

*The Preacher is Canon Peter Collier, Cathedral Reader.*



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# The Gathering

*Prayers are sung. Stand for the Processional Hymn.*

## Processional Hymn



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| 1. Crown him with many crowns,<br>the Lamb upon his throne;<br>hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns<br>all music but its own:<br>awake, my soul, and sing<br>of him who died for thee,<br>and hail him as thy matchless King<br>through all eternity.   | 3. Crown him the Lord of love!<br>Behold his hands and side,<br>rich wounds yet visible above<br>in beauty glorified:<br>no angel in the sky<br>can fully bear that sight,<br>but downward bends his burning eye<br>at mysteries so bright.                                 |
| 2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,<br>the God incarnate born,<br>whose arm those crimson trophies won<br>which now his brow adorn:<br>Fruit of the mystic Rose,<br>as of that Rose the Stem;<br>the Root whence mercy ever flows,<br>the Babe of Bethlehem. | 4. Crown him the Lord of peace,<br>whose power a sceptre sways<br>from pole to pole, that wars may cease,<br>absorbed in prayer and praise:<br>his reign shall know no end,<br>and round his piercèd feet<br>fair flowers of Paradise extend<br>their fragrance ever sweet. |
| 5. Crown him the Lord of years,<br>the Potentate of time,<br>Creator of the rolling spheres,<br>ineffably sublime.<br>Glassed in a sea of light,<br>where everlasting waves<br>reflect his throne—the Infinite!<br>who lives—and loves—and saves.       |   |

*Words* NEH 352, Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)

*Tune* DIADEMATA, NEH 352, Sir George Job Elvey (1816–1893)

## 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.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*A Deacon says:*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
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.**

*Remain standing as the choir sings the Gloria.*

## 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.*

*Remain standing.*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
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

## New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

COLOSSIANS 1.11–20

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand.*

## Gradual Hymn

*Turn to face the Deacon as the Gospel Procession moves down the Nave.*



1. Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

*Lift up your heart...*

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

*Lift up your heart...*

4. He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:

*Lift up your heart...*

*Words* NEH 443, Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

*Tune* GOPSAL, NEH 443, melody by George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

*Remain standing.*

## Gospel Reading

*The choir begins the Alleluia; the congregation then joins in the response, which is sung before and after the verse:*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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



When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

LUKE 23:33-43

*After the Gospel the Deacon says:*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel.*

*Sit for the sermon.*

## **Sermon**

Canon Peter Collier, Cathedral Reader

*The organist plays a musical response to the sermon.*

*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:*

Let us with confidence  
present our prayers and supplications  
to the throne of grace.

*Sit or kneel.*

*One of these responses may be used:*

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

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

*The President concludes with these words*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St William of York and of all your saints,  
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

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

*Stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace:*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

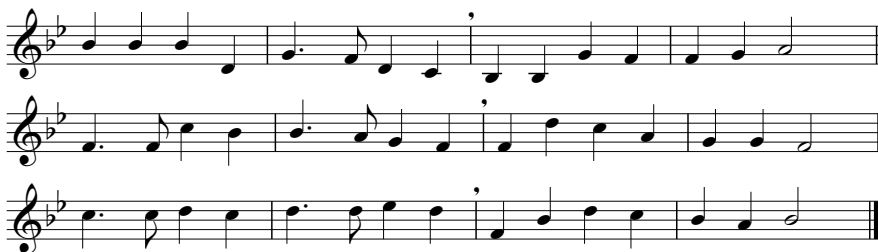
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*A Deacon says:*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn



1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluya, alleluya,

Jesu, true and living bread!

2. Here our humblest homage pay we;  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluya, alleluya,

thou art here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluya, alleluya,

we in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fulness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,

Alleluya, alleluya,

cleansing souls from every stain.

5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluya, alleluya,

risen, ascended, glorified!

*Words* NEH 296,

George Hugh Bourne (1840–1925)

*Music* ST HELEN, NEH 296i,

Sir George Clement Martin (1844–1916)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Let us pray.

Blessed be God,  
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.  
May we feed upon the bread of God  
and drink the royal wine of heaven.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer



The\_\_\_ Lord be\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ you and\_\_\_ al - so\_\_\_ 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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.  
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of 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.*

*Remain standing.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*A Deacon says:*

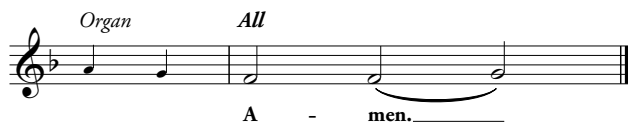
Great is the mystery of faith:



Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Peter the Apostle, William of York, and all the saints,  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.



*A short silence is kept.*

## The Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages,  
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.**

*Sit or kneel whilst 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  
miserere nobis. the world, have mercy on us.*

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

*and*

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

*Words* JOHN 14.15–16 ♦ *Music* Thomas Tallis (c 1505–1585)

*Communion is administered at a number of places. You will be guided by the stewards.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand.*

*The President says:*

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
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.**

*Remain standing.*

## Hymn



1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
    urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
    Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
    speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
    Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
    spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
    Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
    loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
    Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
    self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
    Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Words* AM 715, Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024) © 1976 Timothy Dudley-Smith  
*Tune* LORD OF THE YEARS, AM 715, Michael Baughen (*b* 1930) © Michael Baughen

# The Dismissal

*Remain standing. The President says:*

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
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 sings:*



*Everyone responds:*



## Recessional Psalm

*Psalm 150 is sung by the choir as the procession leaves:*

O praise God in his holiness ♦ praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts ♦ praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet ♦ praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances ♦ praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals ♦ praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let every thing that hath breath ♦ praise the Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son ♦ and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be ♦ world without end. Amen.

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