



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

FESTAL EUCHARIST

ON THE FEAST OF

PETER THE APOSTLE

Patronal Festival

Sunday 28th June 2026

at 11.00am

The Eucharist

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the feast of Peter the Apostle, Patron Saint of York Minster.

Today's service is sung by the Choir of York Minster. The setting of the Eucharist is the YORK MISSA BREVIS by David Briggs (b 1962). The President is the Reverend Canon Maggie McLean, Acting Dean, and Preacher is the Reverend Canon James Milne, Precentor.



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The Gathering

A bell is rung and prayers are sung.

Stand for the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn



1. Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth,
who chooseth for thine the weak and the poor,
to frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,
entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;
2. Throughout the wide world their message is heard,
and swift as the wind it circles the earth;
it echoes the voice of the heavenly Word,
and brings unto mortals the hope of new birth.
3. Their cry thunders forth, 'Christ Jesus is Lord',
then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall:
as when those shrill trumpets were raised at thy word,
and one long blast shattered proud Jericho's wall.
4. O loud be the call, and stirring the sound,
to rouse us, O Lord, from sin's deadly sleep;
may lights which thou kindlest in darkness around,
the dull soul awaken, her vigil to keep.
5. All honour and praise, dominion and might,
to thee, Three in One, eternally be,
who pouring around us thy glorious light,
dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.

Words NEH 216, Latin, Jean-Baptiste de Santeul (1630–1697)
translated into English by Isaac Williams (1802–1865) and editors of the NEH
Tune HANOVER, NEH 433, melody by William Croft (1678–1727)

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 said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

**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 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.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
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 Acts of the Apostles.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realise that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

ACTS 12.1–11

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. 'Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
the Son of God most high!
For ever be adored
that name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal strength may fail,
the saints of God at last prevail.
2. O surely he was blest
with blessedness unpriced,
who, taught of God, confessed
the Godhead in the Christ;
for of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
thy saint a true foundation-stone.
3. Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
the bitter lesson learnt,
that heart for thee, O Lord,
with triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
until he grasped the martyr's crown.
4. O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
and make us go where thou shalt call.

Words NEH 172, William Walsham How (1823–1897)

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!



I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

MATTHEW 16.13–19

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

The Reverend Canon James Milne, Precentor

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.**

Offertory Hymn

during which a collection is taken for the work of York Minster
and the charities it supports.



1. Who are these, like stars appearing,
these before God's throne who stand?
each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluya, hark! they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.
2. Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand—
whence comes all this glorious band?
3. These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph through the Lamb have gained.
4. These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.
5. These like priests have watched and waited,
offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated,
day and night to serve him still:
now, in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

Words NEH 231, German, Heinrich Theobald Schenck (1656–1727)
translated into English by Frances Cox (1812–1897)

Tune ALL SAINTS, NEH 231, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch* (Darmstadt, 1698)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Let us pray.

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostle Peter.
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.

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief corner stone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in 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:



Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come__ a - gain.

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

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:

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia!
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia!**

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

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum,
dat panis caelicus figuris terminum:
o res mirabilis, manducat Dominum pauper servus et humilis.

*The bread of angels becomes the food of humanity.
The heavenly bread brings mere symbols to an end.
O what marvel: a poor humble servant consumes the Lord.*

Words Office Hymn for Matins on Corpus Christi
Music César Franck (1822–1890) arranged by Andrew Gant (b 1963)

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.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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. Ye holy angels bright,
 who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
 fly at your Lord's command,
 assist our song,
 for else the theme
 too high doth seem
 for mortal tongue.

2. Ye blessèd souls at rest,
 who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
 behold the Saviour's face,
 God's praises sound,
 as in his sight
 with sweet delight
 ye do abound.

3. Ye saints, who toil below,
 adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
 some joyful anthem sing;
 take what he gives
 and praise him still,
 through good and ill,
 who ever lives!

4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
 triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
 sing thou the songs of love!
 let all thy days
 till life shall end,
 whate'er he send,
 be filled with praise.

Words NEH 475, Richard Baxter (1615–1691) and others

Tune DARWALL'S 148TH, NEH 475, John Darwall (1731–1789)

The Dismissal

Remain standing.

The President says:

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with Peter and all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Deacon sings:

Organ *Deacon*

Go in the peace of Christ.

Everyone responds:

Organ *All*

Thanks be to God.

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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