

**YORK
MINSTER**

The Cathedral & Metropolitical Church of St Peter in York

THE EUCHARIST

ON THE

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

**Sunday 15th February 2026
at 11.00am**

The Eucharist

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Sunday next before Lent.

Today's service is sung by the Choir of York Minster. The setting of the Eucharist is the MISSA SIMILE EST REGNUM by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c 1548–1611).

The President is the Reverend Eleanor Launder-Brown, Succentor. The Preacher is the Reverend Canon Timothy Goode, Congregational Discipleship and Nurture.



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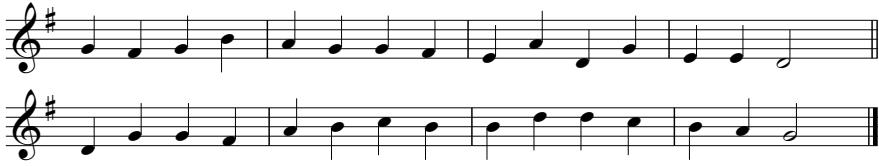
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The Gathering

Prayers are sung. Stand for the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn



1. Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.
2. Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:
3. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'
4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'
5. With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:
6. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Words NEH 343, Richard Mant (1776–1848)

Tune REDHEAD No. 46, NEH 343, Richard Redhead (1820–1901)

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:

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**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 bona voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter
magnum 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,
suscite 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.

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 Second Letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 PETER 1.16–21

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. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

4. Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

Words NEH 178, Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858–1933)

Tune CARLISLE, NEH 178, Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

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 am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Organ

A musical score for an organ, featuring a single staff with a treble clef. The music consists of a series of quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the third measure. The lyrics 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.' are written below the staff.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

MATTHEW 17.1-9

After the Gospel the Deacon says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Organ

A musical score for an organ, featuring a single staff with a treble clef. The music consists of a series of quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the third measure. The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel.

Sit for the sermon.

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Timothy Goode,
Congregational Discipleship and Nurture

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:

In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Sit or kneel.

One of these responses may be used:

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:

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

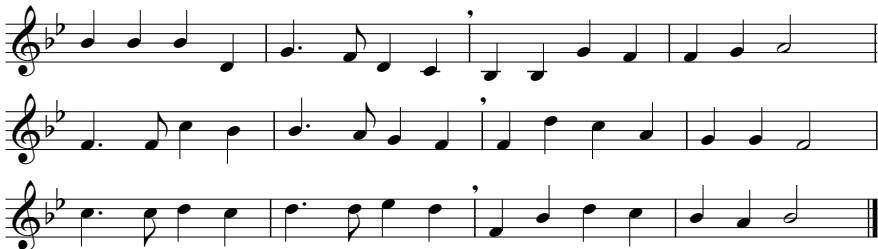
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

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.

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,

and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

The choir sings:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

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:

Organ



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.

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.**

*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

Ego sum panis vivus.

Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto, et mortui sunt.

Hic est panis de coelo descendens: si quis ex ipso manducaverit, non morietur.

I am the bread of life.

Your forebears did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, whoever eats it shall not die.

Words JOHN 6.48–49

Music Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c 1525–1594)

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.

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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

Dance, then, wher - ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all wher - ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John —
they came with me and the dance went on.

Dance, then...

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then...

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black —
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I'm the dance and I still go on.

Dance, then...

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me —
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

Dance, then...

Words NEH 375, Sydney Carter (1915–2004) © 1963, Stainer & Bell

Tune LORD OF THE DANCE, NEH 375,

American Shaker tune adapted by Sydney Carter

The Dismissal

Remain standing.

The President says:

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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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