

The Eucharist

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Welcome

Welcome to this Eucharist, the act which stands at the heart of all Christian worship. Since earliest days, Christians have met to break bread and share wine in obedience to Our Lord's command, in thanksgiving and in remembrance of him.

Welcome to this service which is being live-streamed from York Minster this morning. Welcome to those who are regular worshippers and to those who are experiencing this form of worship for the first time.

There is a prayer for spiritual communion in the order of service you may find helpful.

Please participate as much as you are able.

The Choir will sing the Mass for Four Voices by William Byrd

The Offertory Hymn is Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

The Choir conclude the Service by Singing Psalm 150.

The Gathering

Please stand as the President enters.

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 may introduce the service and this prayer may be said:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The President invites the congregation to confess their 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 pronounces God's forgiveness.

The Choir sing the Gloria, the Church's hymn of praise

Gloria in Excelsis

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

The President introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the Collect, to which all respond:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N. Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

A sermon is preached by the Dean of York, Rt Revd Jonathan Frost.

Music for reflection may be offered.

The Creed

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.

Please sit or kneel:

Prayers of Intercession

One of these responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy:	or	Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer.		Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final intercession:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The President introduces the Peace, and then says:

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

The Offertory Hymn is sung as the table is prepared.

 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, His the scepter, his the throne Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes nor questions how Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er Shall our hearts forget his promise, I am with you evermore?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food and stay Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of Lords we own Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic Feast...

Tune: Hyfrydol, Words W.Chatterton Dix (NEH 271)

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.

The President praises God for his mighty acts.

The Choir sing the Sanctus:

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.

The President recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamations is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

Amen.

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.

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

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.

The President receives communion and says:

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

You may find this PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION helpful:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.

Silence is kept, after which the President says a Post Communion prayer, then all may say:

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.

The Dismissal

The President pronounces God's blessing, then says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Choir sing Psalm 150.

Thank you for joining us for this service.

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