

The Priory Church Christchurch



Parish Eucharist

*11th October 2020
10.00 a.m.*

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Setting: Bairstow in Eb

Good morning and welcome to this Sunday Eucharist. Please read this page carefully before the start of the service, to familiarize yourself with the current provisions.

- *It is crucial that we maintain social distancing at all times. This includes how we enter and leave the church. The standard recommended by the Church of England for public worship is still 2 metres.*
- *Please enter the Priory by the North Porch only.*
- *Since August 8th, face coverings have been required by law to be worn in places of worship. (A list of exemptions is given in the Government guidance on face coverings.)*
- *Once inside the church, please use the hand sanitizer at the West End.*
- *At the West End there will be some baskets, into which you can put your collection envelopes. There will not be a plate collection during the service.*
- *Please do not stop for a chat on the way in, whether with the sidesmen or a friend; that will lead to a possible breach of social distancing.*
- *If you are coming on your own, whenever possible please sit in one of the single seats.*
- ***Please observe the one-way system at all times.***
- *A new order of service will be produced each week to avoid transmission issues. These service booklets will already be on the seats when you arrive.*

The Gathering

Prelude: Allegretto Grazioso FRANK BRIDGE (1879-1941)

THE GREETING

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

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All **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

Minister The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

President 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by the Choir:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glorify be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,

*We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ:*

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,

*O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world,*

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

receive our prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

*Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 25 vv 1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines
strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4 vv 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the
Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these
women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the
gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers,
whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not
worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known
to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22 vv 1-14

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And

he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend James Robertson

Please stand to say

THE CREED

**All 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

At the end of the prayers:

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

THE PEACE

President We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body. Let us therefore pursue all that makes
for peace and builds up our common life.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

During the Offertory the Choir sings: Psalm 23

OFFERTORY

President Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Please stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you
All **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,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
your Holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please sit. A short silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Choir sings:

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Communion at this service.

Administration of Communion

- ***Please come up to receive Communion in a single file in the centre of the Nave Aisle.***
- *Please move only as directed by the sidesmen. Once it is your turn to receive, please go to the priest administering on the side of the building in which you are sitting.*
- *Please return to your seat via the side aisle. No-one should return up the central Nave aisle, as this will compromise others' safety.*

During the Administration of Communion the Choir will sing:

Panis Angelicus -Casciolini

After Communion, please sit

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

President We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **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.**

Please stand for the Blessing, and then sit again until the sidesmen direct you to leave by Cloister way.

The Dismissal

THE BLESSING

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

President 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.**

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

- *Please leave via Cloister Way, as directed by the sidemen.*
- *Please do not congregate in the Priory House Car Park, as this causes a blockage. Instead, please meet your friends on the monastic lawns for a conversation after the service, always maintaining social distancing.*
- *Please take this Order of Service with you: you are welcome to take it home, or to deposit it in one of the bins available at the Cloister Way exit.*
- *If you have not already done so, please put your Track and Trace information into the box provided. There will also be a collection plate to receive any offerings not left on your way into the Priory.*
- *Please use the hand sanitizer as you leave.*

Voluntary: March on a theme of Handel
 ALEXANDRE GUILMANT (1837-1911)

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Christchurch Priory Lunchtime Organ Recitals



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September 24th **GEOFFREY MORGAN**

(Christchurch Priory)

October 1st **GEORGE CASTLE**

(Winchester Cathedral)

October 8th **SIMON EARL**

(Christchurch Priory)

October 15th **SACHIN GUNGA**

(Portsmouth Cathedral)

October 22nd **GEOFFREY MORGAN**

(Christchurch Priory)

October 29th **DAVID BEEBY**

(Poole Grammar School)

November 5th **SIMON EARL**

(Christchurch Priory)

November 12th **SAM HANSON**

(St. Peter's, Hammersmith)

November 19th **GEOFFREY MORGAN**

(Christchurch Priory)

November 26th **SIMON EARL**

(Christchurch Priory)

45 minutes of music

Admission free; retiring collection

(suggested minimum donation £2)