

# The Priory Church Christchurch



## *Parish Eucharist*

*13<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
10.00 a.m.*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Setting: Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo - Joseph Haydn

*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.*
- *From August 8<sup>th</sup>, face coverings are 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.*
- *There a seating plan for the Nave, in line with 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.*** *NB, if you intend to sit in either of the side aisles, you will have to come in via the main entrance, go up the central Nave aisle, go right or left at the front, and then back up the side aisle to your chosen seat.*
- *Please don't expect to be able to sit in your customary seat, or mind if you can't. Nor can we sit beside the friends with whom we would normally sit, as they are from a different household.*
- *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: Vocalise (arr. Marcus Wibberley)  
SERGEI RACHMANINOV (1873-1943)

## 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.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace  
to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit  
the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*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 God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
grant us pure hearts and steadfast wills,  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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      Genesis 50 vv 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord,  
every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*                    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All*

All

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

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Reverend Tom Stuckey

*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:*

*O for a closer walk with God - Charles Stanford*

## 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 sing:*

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

Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.

Osanna in excelsis.

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

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*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.

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,

*All*

*All* in songs of everlasting praise:  
**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

*All* 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

*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.

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

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

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***

- *Communion will be offered in one kind only, at two standing stations at the front of the Nave.*
- *Please move only as directed by the sidesmen.*
- *Those in the side aisles will be directed to the back of the church, then to the Sanctuary **in a single file in the centre of the Nave Aisle.***
- ***Please observe the 2-metre rule as you wait to receive Communion.***
- *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 infringe social distancing and compromise others' safety.*

*During the Administration of Communion the Choir will sing:*

*Ave Verum - Mozart*

*After Communion, please sit*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*President* 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.

*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 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.*
- *Please feel able to meet your friends on the monastic lawns for a conversation after the service, always maintaining social distancing.*

**Voluntary:**     Fugue in C minor BWV 357  
                         J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

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