

The Priory Church Christchurch



Sung Eucharist
in
Ordinary Time

Bible Sunday
Last Sunday after Trinity

24th October 2021
10.00am

Welcome to this Eucharist on the 20th Sunday after Trinity. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

As you come into the Priory, or after this service, there will be an opportunity to give to the ministry of the parish. We depend on the generosity of everyone who comes to the Priory to help us preserve the building for future generations as a place of welcome, worship and mission. If you would like to give by cash, and are a taxpayer, please use one of our yellow Gift Aid envelopes and be sure to fill in your name and address and sign the declaration. For those who do not carry cash, there will be contactless machines near the exit which enable you to give by using your bank card. The current default setting is for a gift of £5. Alternatively, the QR Code is given below. However you choose to give, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.



Please ensure that all mobile ‘phones are switched off.

Photography, sound and video recordings are not permitted at our services.

This Eucharist is being live-streamed.

- *The full seating has now been returned to the Priory. Until this will be reviewed again, we shall normally use only every other row.*
- *Those who wish to continue to sit in a pod, with screens in place, should please sit in the South side of the Nave.*
- *It is now our personal responsibility and decision as to whether we wear a face covering in church.*

Thank you for helping us keep one another safe.

Voluntary: *Andantino* ('Pièces de Fantaisie') Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The Gathering

HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest — to both great and small,
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish — but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: *W. Chalmers Smith*

Tune: *St. Denio*

THE GREETING

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

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

The Revd Richard Partridge, presiding, welcomes the congregation.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain standing

THE COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55. 1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14—4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

1

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.

2

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

3

When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

Words: H. W. Baker

4

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

5

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.

6

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

*Tune: Ravenshaw,
Harm. W. H. Monk*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

John 5.36—end

The Lord be with you

All

and also with you.

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

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Revd Angela Newton

Please stand

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

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

At the end of the prayers, the Intercessor says:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One though this Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

Words: W. Turton

Tune: Song 1, Orlando Gibbons

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **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 as man 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:

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

Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domine.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Music: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

President 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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying, you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Please sit or kneel. 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.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

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.**

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Communion at this service. **You are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament from one of the clergy. Please wait in your seat until directed by one of the sidesmen. Thank you.***

The choir sings Agnus Dei, followed by the motet 'Ave Maria', music by Giulio Bentivoglio.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

President God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
 Speed forth thy flight;
Move o'er the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place,
 Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
 Let there be light.

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)

Tune: Moscow

Please remain standing

THE BLESSING

President The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Voluntary: 'Processional'

William Mathias (1934-92)

Please leave the Priory via Cloister Way, the West Door or the North Porch.

- *Please do not congregate close to any of the exits, as this causes a blockage.*
- *There will be a collection plate to receive offerings not made on your way in.*
- *Please use the hand sanitizer as you leave.*

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