



Liverpool
Cathedral

Eucharist

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

13th October, 2024

Welcome to Liverpool Cathedral on the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

The Eucharist is the central act of Christian worship, given by Jesus Christ. The name means 'Thanksgiving'. We have gathered because Christ has invited us to receive salvation. This is a feast. Christ, the Lamb of God, who gave his life, once for all, is offered for the hungry. His sacrifice is stronger than our sin, and has broken the power of death. Our hearts turn to God, by the Holy Spirit at work within us, lifted in praise to the Father in union with Christ, the Son of God. By grace we are fellow children with him, adopted into the eternal love of God. Through the words of scripture and preacher; the beauty of music and stone; the diverse other people present, and through Christ's broken bread, the gift of his life for us, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. The liturgy begins as you turn to reflect, reading the scripture for today, and examining your life and the world, in the light of the Gospel.

The president today is the Revd Canon Dr Philip Anderson.

The preacher today is the Revd Canon Professor Leslie J Francis.

An induction loop system is in operation: hearing aids should be switched to the 'T' position. Please ensure that all mobile telephones and devices are silenced before the service begins. Throughout this order of service, indications of where the congregation should stand, sit or kneel are given for guidance only; please feel free to follow your own practice if this is different. If you are a United Kingdom taxpayer, the value of the collection today will be significantly enhanced if you use the Gift Aid envelope available from the stewards. Thank you.

*The music is provided by the choir of Liverpool Cathedral.
The Musical setting of today's Eucharist is Messe Solennelle
by Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)*

During communion, prayers for healing with the laying on of hands, and anointing, will be offered in the War Memorial. If you would like to receive this ministry please make your way there after coming forward to receive the sacrament.

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The Gathering

At 2.55pm notices are given from the Ambo.

At 3pm the Choir enters from the East. **All Stand.** The Cathedral Procession enters from the West as the hymn begins.

Hymn No 753



**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
(Amen. Amen.)**

Words: Henry Baker (1821 – 1877)

Tune: Laudate Dominum; Hubert Parry (1848 – 1918)

The Greeting

The President greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

All sit.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

The Deacon says

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

We kneel or sit in penitence as the choir sing

Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy.*

Silence is kept.

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.

We **stand** as the choir sing

Gloria in Excelsis

Glória in excélsis Deo et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis.
Laudámus te, benedícimus te, adorámus te, glorificámus te, grátias ágimus
tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam, Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus
Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Iesu Christe, Dómine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis; qui tollis
peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram
Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu
solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória 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.*

We remain **standing**.

The Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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. **Amen.**

We sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading: *Amos 5.6-7, 10-15*

A reading from the Book of the prophet Amos.

Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The choir sings

Psalm 90. 12-end

So teach us to number our days :

that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon :

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us :

and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Shew thy servants thy work : and their children thy glory.

And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper thou
the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handywork.

Reading: *Hebrews 4. 12-end*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing

Hymn No 269



**Can we by searching find out God
or formulate his ways?
Can numbers measure what he is
or words contain his praise?**

**Although his being is too bright
for human eyes to scan,
his meaning lights our shadowed world
through Christ the Son of Man.**

**We there may recognise his light,
may kindle in its rays,
find there the source of penitence,
the starting-point of praise.**

**Then God breaks in upon our search,
makes birth and death his own:
he speaks to us in human terms
to make his glory known.**

Words: Elizabeth Cosnett (1936-2024)

Tune: St Bernard; adapted from melody in Tochter Sion, Cologne, 1741, by L. G. Hayne (1836 – 1883)

We remain standing and turn to face the Deacon who proclaims the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10. 17-31

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



A fanfare is sounded upon the organ as the ministers return to their places.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Professor Leslie J Francis

We sit for the sermon.

After the Sermon, the Organist improvises during a time of reflection and prayer.

The Creed

We stand and the President says

Let us declare 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.

We sit or kneel for

Prayers of Intercession

The bidding after each petition is
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end
Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand.

The President says

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name’ says the Lord,
‘there am I in the midst of them.’

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

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

*During the hymn a collection is taken and received for the mission and ministry
of Liverpool Cathedral and the table is prepared.*

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generously, in response to God's great generosity to us. Your
offering will help sustain the Cathedral as a place of
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give, from the Treasury, by putting your donation into a completed Gift Aid
envelope. Please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme, so your offering is
regular and sustained.*

We sing

Hymn No. 453



**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.**

**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.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**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.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified.**

Words: G. H. Bourne (1840 – 1925); Music: St Helen; George Martin (1844 – 1916)

Preparation of the Table

The President takes the bread and wine and says

Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence. **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 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 cæli 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.*

The President continues

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.

The Deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.



The President continues

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:



The Lord's Prayer

We kneel or sit.

In whatever language we use to pray, we say together

**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.

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 the 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.**

*The President and people receive communion. Every Christian is welcome to
receive Holy Communion in this Cathedral.*

*N.B. Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine as fingers also
become immersed.*

*You are welcome to continue to receive just the bread, and thereby receive
Christ fully, if you are concerned about infection. If you prefer to receive a
blessing, please indicate this to the ministers by bringing this service booklet with
you. Gluten free wafers are available from the minister by the Rankin Porch
(right hand side of the congregation), as is alcohol-free wine.*

*You are invited, if you wish, to move to the War Memorial after receiving
communion, for prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands and anointing.*

During communion the choir sings

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

After Communion, the choir sings

Motet

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; but they are in peace.

Words: Wisdom 3. 1 – 3; Music: Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

Prayer after Communion

**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

All stand.

Blessing

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.**

We remain standing to sing, turning to face the Bridge as the Cathedral
Procession passes

Hymn No. 787



**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Words: Francis R. Havergal (1836 – 1879); Tune: Nottingham; Wenzel Muller (1747 – 1835)

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

The organist plays the concluding voluntary.

Exploring the Sunday Gospel

If you wish to reflect upon next week's Gospel reading in preparation for worship, then please Google 'Exploring the Sunday Gospel at Liverpool'.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (October 13)

5:00pm	Catholic-Charismatic Service	Lady Chapel
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Monday (October 14)

8:30am	Morning Prayer	Lady Chapel
12:05pm	Eucharist	Nave Altar
5:30pm	Evensong	Presbytery

(Signing of Liverpool Hope University Memorandum of Understanding)

Tuesday (October 15)

8:30am	Morning Prayer	Lady Chapel
12:05pm	Eucharist	Nave Altar
5:30pm	Evensong	Lady Chapel

Wednesday (October 16)

8:30am	Morning Prayer	Lady Chapel
12:05pm	Eucharist	Nave Altar
5:30pm	Evensong	Lady Chapel

(with Junior Choir and Gilbert Scott Singers)

Thursday (October 17)

8:30am	Morning Prayer	Lady Chapel
12:05pm	Eucharist	Nave Altar
5:30pm	Evensong	Presbytery

Friday (October 18)

8:30am	Morning Prayer	Lady Chapel
12:05pm	Eucharist / Mothers' Union Service	Lady Chapel

(Raising Awareness of Modern Day Slavery)

5:30pm	Evensong	Derby Transept
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Saturday (October 19)

8:30am	Morning Prayer	Lady Chapel
12:05pm	Eucharist	Nave Altar
3:00pm	Festival Evensong	Main Space

(followed by 98th Anniversary Organ Recital)

The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity (October 20)

8:30am	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
10:30am	Choral Eucharist	Main Space
1:00pm	Sepas	Lady Chapel
3:00pm	Evensong	Main Space
5:00pm	Catholic-Charismatic Service	Lady Chapel