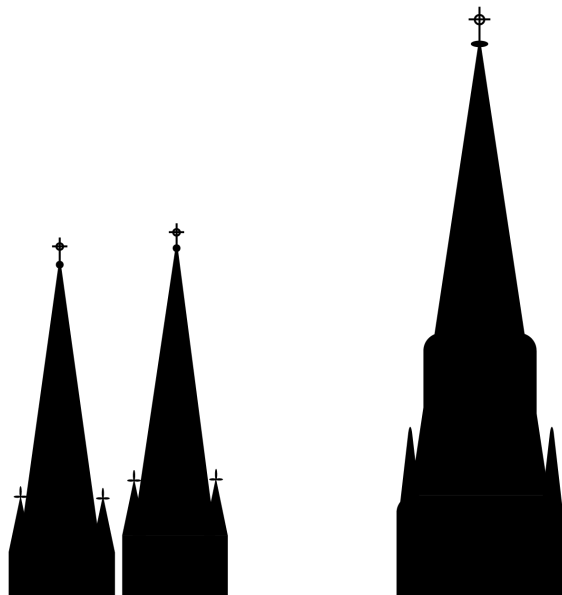


St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh



Creation-time V Cathedral Eucharist

3 October 2021

10.30am

Preacher: The Provost
Francis Jackson *Communion service in G*

Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral

Our service this morning is a **Eucharist**. Like Christians throughout the ages, we gather to reflect on scripture together, to pray for our world, and to share bread and wine as Christ's body and blood given for the life of all. Please join in the words in bold. At various points in our liturgy it is our custom to stand, sit or kneel, but please do whatever is comfortable for you. All who wish to receive communion are welcome to do so. There is a play area at the West End of the Cathedral, which families with young children are more than welcome to use.

Under Scottish Government pandemic guidelines, it is now permissible for the congregation to sing the hymns. Please do join in, whilst keep your face mask on (if applicable)

Our Sunday Club for Primary aged children meets today in the Walpole Hall. If you are new, please approach a welcomer, and they will point you in the right direction.

Creation-time:

“The whole world is a living icon of the face of God.”

St John Damascene

In 1989 the Ecumenical Patriarch suggested that 1st September, the first day of the Orthodox Church's year, should be observed as a day of protection of the natural environment.' Ten years later the European Christian Environmental Network widened this proposal, urging churches to adopt a Time for Creation stretching from 1 September to the feast of St Francis (4 October) and this was endorsed by the European Ecumenical Assembly in Sibiu, Romania in 2007, which recommended that the period 'be dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change.'

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Join us for Evensong at 3.30pm:

Tallis *Te lucis ante terminum*

Wood *in E flat*

Wood *Expectans expectavi*

Howells *Epilogue*

We gather

Opening Hymn NEH 408

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Confession & Absolution

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for your good creation.
For all that nourishes and sustains life.
We confess that we have fallen short of your glory.

For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Lord, have mercy.

For the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and
suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Christ, have mercy.

For not loving you with our whole heart, mind and strength;
nor loving our neighbours as ourselves,
Lord, have mercy.

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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 on 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.

Collects

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word

Reading Micah 6.6-8

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised
above the heavens.

How exalted is your name in all the world!

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the
enemy and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of
your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
How exalted is your name in all the world!

What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that
you should seek him out? You have made him but little lower than
the angels; you adorn him with glory and honour;

How exalted is your name in all the world!

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all
things under his feet; All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the
field,

How exalted is your name in all the world!

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the
paths of the sea. O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name
in all the world!

How exalted is your name in all the world!

Reading Galatians 6.14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn NEH 265

**Sing for God's glory that colours
the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing
bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.**

**Sing for God's power that shatters
the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair
that could blind us,
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.**

**Sing for God's justice disturbing
each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting
our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.**

**Sing for God's saints who have travelled
faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope
to restore us;
in them we see the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.**

Gospel Acclamation

*(Sung) Alleluia, **Alleluia.***

We do not live by bread alone

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 12.22-34

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon The Very Rev'd John Conway, Provost

We reflect together on what our readings reveal for us today.

We respond in faith and prayer

The Nicene Creed *which Christians have shared since 381 A.D.*

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 substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
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.
With the Father and the Son,
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

Intercessions

*Prayer is offered for the world and all its people,
particularly for those who suffer and those in need,
and for the Church.*

We share the Peace of Christ

Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with your neighbours.

Offertory Hymn NEH 436

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
To our forebears in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

We Celebrate Communion

Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made:
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands:
it will become for us the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Source of life and immortality,
Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars,
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.

you divided light from darkness,

created the heavens and established the earth;

you divided the sea from the dry land,

and caused all life to come into being.

When you had made the plants and the animals,

you formed humanity in your own image,

and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,
took our human form, lived among us,
and, through dying on the cross,
overcame sin and death,
that your creation might be restored in him.
Through your life-giving Holy Spirit
Who first moved over the waters,
you renew your creation, call us to new birth,
in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures throughout space and time
we offer you our praise,
together with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Christ is your holy Wisdom,
existing beyond time, present at creation.
Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world,
and bring your saving work to its completion.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters,
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,
world without end. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say the prayer in the language or version with which you are most familiar

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

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.

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

Sharing of Communion

Communion is shared at the Nave Altar. All who wish to receive are warmly invited to do so. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer please go to the right hand (lectern) side and indicate that you require gluten-free.

Motet Durufle Tantum Ergo

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail, Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail. To the Everlasting Father, and the Son who reigns on high with the Holy Ghost proceeding forth from each eternally, be salvation, honour, blessing, might, and endless majesty. Amen.

We give thanks and are sent out

Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Notices

Closing Hymn (Tune NEH 394)

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

Please turn to face the West End of the Cathedral

Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you;
deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the Son of Peace to you;
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

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

Voluntary Saint-Saëns *Improvisation No.7*

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