

St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh



Christ the King Cathedral Eucharist

21 November 2021
10.30am

Leighton Communion Service in D
Preacher: The Provost

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, but keep your face mask on (unless exempt)

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.

Arrangements for Communion:

All who wish to receive communion are welcome to do so. If you would rather receive a blessing, then please indicate this by folding your hands across your chest.

At communion, please follow the directions of the stewards to approach the altar. Please keep a social distance from the person in front of you.

As you approach the altar, remove your face covering and sanitise your hands (gel on the table). Receive the bread in your hands and move to the side to consume. Replace your face covering and sanitise your hands before returning to your seat via the side aisles.

There will not be a collection during the service. Please support the Cathedral as you leave—cash can be left in the donation box and there is also a contactless donation machine. If you would like to support the Cathedral through regular donations please fill out the form on the back page of this service sheet. Thank you for your generosity.

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We gather

Opening Hymn

**Christ is the world's true Light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar clear and bright
of ev'ry race and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er we own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
All shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign!**

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

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ,
our Lord.**

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.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We listen for God's Word

Reading Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93—*Please join in the refrain after the choir have sung the tune for the first time*

The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;

The Lord has girded himself with strength

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

The Lord has girded himself with strength

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

The Lord has girded himself with strength

Reading Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**Thy kingdom come on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night
Not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near:**

**The day in whose clear-shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed;**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad:
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung) Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

*Speak Lord for your servant is listening,
you have the words of eternal life.*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel John 18.33-37

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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

**Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.**

**We come with self inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half free, half bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for human kind.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.**

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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, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
we offer you our praise,
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, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
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 Mathias Lift up your heads

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

We give thanks and are sent out

Sentence

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

Post Communion Prayer

Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

Closing Hymn

**Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:**
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:**
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:**
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Please turn to face the West End of the Cathedral

Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the 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 Langlais *Te Deum* from *Hymne d'action de grâces*

Notices

The Cathedral's **Annual General Meeting** will be held following this service. **Tea and coffee** will be available after the service in the Resurrection Chapel. Please leave your face masks on while you go and collect a drink, and then bring it back to the nave. Once you are back in the nave, please remove your mask to drink your tea or coffee.

At 6.00pm for an hour in the Cathedral on **Monday 22nd November** we shall celebrate the life of **Lindsay Sinclair** who died last year. Lindsay was a long-time supporter of music in the Cathedral, helping, among many other things, to fundraise for the Steinway piano. John Bryden, John Kitchen and Ivor Klayman will pay tribute with a rich programme of music by Verdi, Schubert, David Johnson, Chopin and an arrangement for organ of Handel's Overture and March from 'The Ode to St Cecilia's Day'. All welcome!

A week on Sunday (28th November) is the start of Advent: there will be no Evensong on Advent Sunday, but instead a candle-lit **Service of Music and Readings for Advent at 6.30pm**. Please do come along to that wonderful opportunity to enter into the Advent themes of waiting and wonder.

We have now opened booking for our **Services of Nine Lessons and Carols** on December 22nd and 24th, and for **Midnight Mass** on December 24th. We are limiting the number of people in the Cathedral for these services this year, and so booking ahead is required. Further details and booking forms can be found at www.cathedral.net. Details of our other services, including on Christmas morning, which are non-ticketed, are also available there.

There is an opportunity for young children to come and sing alongside all our choristers when the Cathedral holds a **Children's Come and Sing Carols** on **Saturday December 4th at 1.30pm**. This gives children in P3-P7 the chance to learn and sing Carols alongside our Cathedral Choir. The day will finish with a family service at 4pm. Refreshments provided. Please do let anyone know who might be interested. A booking form can be found on the home page of our website: www.cathedral.net

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