

St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh



Harvest (Creation-time IV) Cathedral Eucharist

25th September 2022
10.30am

Preacher: Canon Professor Paul Foster
Jackson Communion Service in G

Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral

Our service, which is laid out in this booklet, 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 in this service sheet. At various points in our liturgy it is our custom to stand or sit, but please do whatever is comfortable for you.

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 when you go forward.

At communion, a steward will guide you. Please take your place at the kneelers around the altar – please stand or kneel as you wish. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.

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. There is a play area at the West End of the Cathedral, which families with young children are more than welcome to use.

There will be no 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 of this service sheet. Thank you for your generosity.

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We gather

Opening Hymn CH 159

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

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 and 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 *(sung by the choir)*

Glory be to God on high; and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. 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, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord: thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation; 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 Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn CH 149 (tune: NEH 475)

**Let all creation dance
in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance,
unfolding space and time;
for nature's art
in glory grows,
and newly shows
God's mind and heart.**

**Our own amazing earth,
with sunlight, cloud and storms,
and life's abundant growth
in lovely shapes and forms
is made for praise,
a fragile whole
and from its soul
heaven's music plays.**

**Lift heart and soul and voice:
in Christ all praises meet,
and nature shall rejoice
as all is made complete.
In hope be strong,
all life befriend,
and kindly tend
creation's song.**

Gospel Acclamation

(sung) Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel John 6.25-35

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God

is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

(sung) **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Sermon

Rev Canon Professor Paul Foster

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 262

We plough the fields, and scatter

The good seed on the land,

But it is fed and watered

By God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter,

The warmth to swell the grain,

The breezes and the sunshine,

And soft refreshing rain:

All good gifts around us

Are sent from heaven above,

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,

For all his love.

He only is the Maker

Of all things near and far,

He paints the wayside flower,

He lights the evening star.

The winds and waves obey him,

By him the birds are fed;

Much more to us, his children,

He gives our daily bread:

All good gifts...

**We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But what which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts:
*All good gifts...***

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 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 *(sung by the choir)*

*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.*

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 *(sung by the choir)*

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

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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 Lectern (right hand side) and indicate that you require gluten-free.

Motet *Attwood Come, Holy Ghost*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace.

Keep far from foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.

*Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One, that
through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:*

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 poured out 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 NEH 413

**Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

Please turn to face the West End during the final verse

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation, rejoicing that you are made in God's image, and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

The voluntary is an integral part of the service for many, so please be respectful of those who would like to sit and listen to it.

Please join us for tea and coffee in the Resurrection Chapel (to the right of the choir) after the service.

Notices

Details of Services this week can be found on our website:
www.cathedral.net/music-list/

The **One World Stall** will be open on this morning in the Resurrection Chapel after the 10.30 service. We have a range of **Fair Trade** food items including tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, rice. In addition, we have some **cleaning products and toiletries** many of which would be suitable to add to the Harvest collection for St Salvador's Community Food Initiative. You are warmly invited to come and see the new products on offer as well as old favourites. Visit <http://www.oneworldshop.co.uk> to see the full range of products. Payment by card or cash. **Could you give practical support to the Cathedral's fair trade activities?** One World Stall volunteers needed for regular and occasional help with the One World Stall which has been running since for over 30 years. For more information speak to Elaine at the stall today.

This afternoon there will be **Ordinations to the Diaconate**, including that of the Cathedral's new Chaplain, Janet Spence. Please do come and support Janet, and all those being ordained, on that happy occasion.

The Cathedral is in fairly urgent need of more **volunteers** to welcome and steward our services, and to help serve tea and coffee after the service. Both roles are good ways to begin to get to know other people within the congregation. If you would be interested in being either a Welcomer, and/or on the Coffee rota, on a regular or occasional basis, then please email office@cathedral.net and we will pass on your details. Thank you.

Poetry Close-up: The sixth season of our group gets underway at the first meeting on **Monday 26th September at 7.30 pm** at Elizabeth Mathison's house. We shall be reading and discussing poems by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. "Dear Babe, that sleepest cradled by my side, / Whose gentle breathings, heard in this deep calm, / Fill up the interspersed vacancies / And momentary pauses of the thought!" Please email poetrycloseup@gmail.com for details of the texts and venue. Newcomers welcome.

Responding to the Climate and Ecological Crisis: Green Christian On The Road Together in Edinburgh A day of workshops, discussion and worship to encourage our communities, build common cause for creation & inspire ambitious change. At St Mary's Cathedral, with the main event taking place in Walpole Hall, on 22nd Oct 2022 from 9.45am to 4pm. Tea, coffee and soup will be provided provided but please bring a packed lunch, and your own mug if you can. The day will include:

- Joy in Enough - a chance to sample Plenty!, a discussion course challenging Christians to join in building a just economy within ecological limits. Led by Green Christian.
- On Sacred Ground - an interactive workshop, reflecting on the climate and ecological crisis, taking inspiration from Daniel Berrigan: "You not only have to take a stand but then you have to stand there."
- Green Christian Way of Life - a workshop exploring how a four-fold framework of Prayer, Living Gently on the Earth, Public Witness and Encouragement can shape our

journey together.

- an environmentally themed art exhibition
- prayer and worship
- an opportunity to enjoy the Cathedral grounds

Join us in hope, thoughtfulness, creativity and prayer as we make lasting connections to support faith-based climate action in Edinburgh and the wider region. Cost free – but donations on the day, or online now at greenchristian.org.uk/donate are welcome.

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