

# BRISTOL CATHEDRAL



## The Cathedral Eucharist

Organist: Paul Walton

President: Canon Neil Patterson

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 10 August 2025, 10.00am

Preacher: The Dean

Other services today: 7.40am Morning Prayer | 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) | 3.30pm Evensong

**Welcome to Bristol Cathedral** a church and community here to follow Jesus and serve others as we worship God and seek justice and peace. Our worship and service builds on 900 years of history as we seek to be open and generous in our welcome; creative and brave in our life together.

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This is the church season known as “Trinity” or “ordinary time” when the altar frontals and clergy vestments are green. Green is the colour of growth, a reminder that we grow in our faith all through the year as we hear Christ’s teaching Sunday by Sunday.

The Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford, Dean of Bristol

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or whether you are a regular worshipper here, you are most welcome.**

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# THE GATHERING

*PLEASE STAND when the bell rings.*

## Entrance Hymn

*Tune: Aberystwyth*

*Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88*

*Music: Joseph Parry 1841-1903*



Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none;  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
more than all in thee I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art;  
freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

## Welcome

*President* In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* Amen.

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

*The President introduces the service.*

*All* 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.

## Prayer of Penitence

*The Deacon introduces a period of silence.*

*Deacon* My friends,  
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*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.

*President* 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.

*All* Amen.

# Gloria *Mass of St Thomas*

David Thorne



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,



Glo - ry to God in the High - est. Glo - ry to God in the



High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord, God Heav'n-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,



Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you



## Collect

*President*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*PLEASE SIT*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Isaiah 1.1, 10-20*

*Reader*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies

with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16*

*Reader*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as



dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND and turn to face the Deacon.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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

*All* **Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

*Luke 12.32-40*

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

Hear the ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ‘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.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The organist improvises on the theme of the gospel as the procession returns to the altar.*

PLEASE SIT

## **Sermon**

*The Dean*

PLEASE STAND

## **Creed**

*President* Let us affirm our faith in God,  
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*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.

PLEASE SIT

## Prayers of Intercession

*President* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us offer our prayers to the Father.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
*All* hear our prayer.

*Ending with*

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

PLEASE STAND

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### Peace

*President* We are the body of Christ.  
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then 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.

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



*During the Offertory Hymn, the altar is prepared and a collection is taken to support the Cathedral. Donations can be made by cash or card using contactless £5 plates. To Gift Aid, use envelopes, donation points at the exit, or scan the QR code. Thank you.*

# Offertory Hymn

*Tune: Saffron Walden*



Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings within, and fears without,

Just as I am, poor, wretchèd, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,

Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,

*Words: Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871*

*Music: Arthur Henry Brown 1830-1926*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*President*

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

*All*

**Amen.**

# Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer B

*President*

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

*All*

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and  
 might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*President*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 and according to your holy will,  
 these gifts of bread and wine  
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 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.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.

*President* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world,  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption;  
as we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we in the company of  
Mary, the Mother of the Lord,  
Augustine, Jordan, and all the saints  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

PLEASE SIT



## Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so with confidence let us pray:

*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 President breaks 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.

## Giving of Communion

*President*

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.

*If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive today, whatever your denomination. For the safety of all please do not intinct (dip the bread/host) into the chalice. Alternatively, you may wish to receive a blessing, which you can indicate by bringing this booklet with you. Please follow the directions of the stewards.*

# Agnus Dei

David Thorne

*mp* Lamb of God, you

*mf* take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

*mf* Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

*mp* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

*p* world: Grant us peace.

## Post Communion Prayer

*President*

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

All  
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.

PLEASE STAND

## THE DISMISSAL

### Post Communion Hymn

*Tune: Gott Sei Dank*



Children of the heavenly King,  
as ye journey sweetly sing;  
sing your Saviour's worthy praise,  
glorious in his works and ways.

We are travelling home to God,  
in the way the fathers trod;  
they are happy now, and we  
soon their happiness shall see.

Fear not, brethren; joyful stand  
on the borders of your land:  
Jesus Christ your Father's Son,  
bids you undismayed go on.

Lift your eyes ye sons of light,  
Sion's city is in sight;  
there our endless home shall be,  
there our Lord in glory see.

*Words: John Cennick 1718-55*

*Music: J. A. Freylinghausen 1860-1739*

## Blessing

*President*  
*All*

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

In the name of Christ. Amen.

## Organ Voluntary

Fanfare

*William Mathias 1934-92*

*Please remain standing as the choir and clergy process out.*

*Hot drinks and biscuits are served in the North Transept after the service; all are welcome.*

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