

# BRISTOL CATHEDRAL



## The Cathedral Eucharist

*sung by St Mary's. Bowdon*

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Sunday 31 August 2025, 10.00am*

*President: The Revd Mel Takáč, Minor Canon for Worship & Liturgy*

*Preacher: Canon Dr Simon Taylor*

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

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*The Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford, Dean of Bristol*

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# THE GATHERING

PLEASE STAND when the bell rings.

## Entrance Hymn

*Tune: Down Ampney*



Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Words: Discendi, Amor santo Bianco da Siena d.1434*

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

## Welcome

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

*All* Amen.

*All* The Lord be with you  
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** *Communion Service in F* *Harold Darke 1888-1976*

*Choir* Glory be to God on high, and on 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

*President*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*PLEASE SIT*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 2.4-13*

*Reader*

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the

Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

*Reader*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND and turn to face the Deacon  
as the Gospel Acclamation is sung.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Choir  
(rpt All)



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

All Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 14.1, 7-14*

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.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The organist improvises on the gospel as the procession returns.*

*PLEASE SIT*

## **Sermon**

*Canon Neil Patterson*

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

*All*

*Deacon*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



*During the hymn, the altar is prepared and a collection taken for the Cathedral. Donate by cash, contactless plates, or card. For Gift Aid, use envelopes, exit donation points, or the QR code. Thank you.*

## Offertory Hymn

*Tune: Picardy*



Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood:  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord most high!

*Words: Liturgy of St James  
Music: Traditional French carol*

## 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  
*All* and also with you.  
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**

*Harold Darke 1888-1976*

*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.

*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.**

## 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

Harold Darke 1888-1976

Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us. (x2)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## Motet

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner 1824-96

Choir

Locus iste a Deo factus est,  
inaestimabile sacramentum:  
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God:  
a priceless and unblemished  
sign of his presence.*

*Gradual, Mass for the dedication of a church*

## Post Communion Prayer

President

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

# THE DISMISSAL

## Post Communion Hymn

*Tune: Abbots Leigh*



Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode:  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age.



Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Sion's children know.

*Words: John Newton 1725-1807*

*Music: Cyril Taylor 1907-91*

## Blessing

*President*

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

*All*

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

Incantation pour un jour Saint

*Jean Langlais 1907-91*

*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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