Christ Church Cathedral
OXFORD

CHORAL EUCHARIST
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 11 October 2020
11am Oxford Time
Preparing for Worship

Welcome to Christ Church! We welcome you once more to worship together in this holy place: to pray together, to give thanks together, to hear God’s word together and to receive Jesus, present in broken bread. We are delighted that our Cathedral Choir is once again able to lead us in worship. While we rejoice to worship in our cathedral, we continue to pray with those who gather at home, worshipping with us in spirit and continuing to be united with us in prayer.

Risk mitigation measures for Covid-19 transmission are still in place. Many of our texts are shorter, including the Confession and Creed and we cannot sing hymns. We are now serving from two communion stations. Please follow the directions of the vergers. The chalice will not be offered to the congregation; the sacrament of Holy Communion is received fully in the bread alone. We will all maintain social distancing at all times, except for the moment of giving the Communion bread. Please make sure you wash or sanitise your hands when asked to do so, and please don’t touch or hug anyone who isn’t part of your household, especially at the Peace.

Please read your order of service carefully and follow the instructions of the vergers; and at the end of the service please take this service sheet away with you and dispose of it at home.

If you test positive for Covid-19 and your symptoms developed within 72 hours after being in the Cathedral, please immediately report your condition to the Cathedral’s designated contact Miranda.Hockliffe@chch.ox.ac.uk and self-isolate in line with PHE guidance.

Despite all the difficulties of this time, we know that God is present here and with us forever. We are very grateful to you for being gracious to us and to one another as we all seek to navigate these new waters. May God bless you as we worship together.

Music before the Service

*Allein Gott, in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 663*

J S Bach (1685–1750)

*Setting of the Eucharist*

Missa Octavi toni

Orlande de Lassus (c. 1532–94)
The Gathering

Please stand when the clergy enter. The Deacon carries the Book of the Gospels and places it on the High Altar.

President  In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All  Amen.

The Greeting

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

The President welcomes the congregation.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon invites the people to confess their sins.

Deacon  God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Please sit or kneel.
For all our anger and bitterness, forgive us, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For all our grumbling and jealousy, forgive us, Lord.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

For all our arrogance and pride, forgive us, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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**Absolution**

*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.**

*Please stand as the Choir sings the Gloria in Excelsis.*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Gloria 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.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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 at 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.

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

President Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.
The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

First Reading
Philippians 4:1–9 (NRSV)

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand. The Choir sings the Gospel Acclamation and the Deacon brings the Book of the Gospels in procession to the Crossing, to be read from among the people.
Once more Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.
The Creed

President  Let us declare our faith in God

All  I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.
Prayers of Intercession

A minister leads the prayers of the People.

Minister Let us pray.

Please sit. During the intercessions, the following response is used:

Minister Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

The prayers usually end with:

Minister Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.
The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand.

The Peace

President  Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Deacon  Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please do not share the peace with physical touch, or move closer to those around you. However, please offer one another a sign of peace with a warm smile, nod or bow, and with the words ‘peace be with you,’ ‘the peace of the Lord,’ or similar.

The president will prepare the altar himself. The elements will remain covered throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

Please sit or stand as you wish as the altar is prepared, and stand if you are able for the prayer at the Preparation of the Table and the Eucharistic Prayer.
Offertory motet

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;
the memorial of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace;
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.
Alleluia.

WORDS: 1 Corinthians 11:26 and Romans 8:18
MUSIC: Orlande de Lassus (1532–94)

Preparation of the Table

President    Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
             the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
             for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All        All things come from you,
             and of your own do we give you.
The Eucharistic Prayer

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

President  Lift up your hearts.
All  We lift them to the Lord.

President  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All  It is right to give thanks and praise.

President  It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.
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:

The Choir sings the Sanctus.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  Holy, holy, holy
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:  Lord God of hosts:
pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua.  heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.  Hosanna in the highest.
Accept our praises, heavenly Father, 
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, 
and as we follow his example and obey his command, 
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit 
these gifts of bread and wine 
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, 
we remember his offering of himself 
made once for all upon the cross; 
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; 
we look for the coming of your kingdom, 
and with this bread and this cup 
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. 
Christ is risen. 
Christ will come again.
Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit.

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.
**Breaking of the Bread**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread.*

**President**  
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.

*The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.*

_Agnus Dei_  

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

_Agnus Dei_  

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

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

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.
If you would like to receive Communion, please wait in your place until you are invited by a verger to move towards the High Altar. Please maintain two metres distance from others as you go to the altar, and please follow the instructions of the vergers at all times. If you need Communion bringing to you, please tell the verger when s/he comes to you.

We will receive Communion in one kind only. The President will receive at the altar, consuming the whole of the priest’s host which has been uncovered; then sanitise his hands before picking up the ciborium. He will pick up a host and place it in your hands without touching you. If you would like a blessing, keep your head bowed; the President will take a step back and pray a short blessing without touching you.

**Prayer after Communion**

*President*  
Let us pray.

*Please sit.* A time of silent prayer may be kept.

*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

Please stand.

Blessing

President

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 the peace of Christ.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please follow the vergers’ directions as you leave the cathedral via Tom Quad and Tom Gate.

Music after the Service

Played by Benjamin Sheen, Sub Organist

Praeludium in G

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–97)
As we continue to move through these unsettled times, please be assured that you are welcome here, whether you are a longstanding member of our congregations or worshipping with us for the first time. Although the pattern of our life has changed so much, our prayers continue; and please let us know if we can pray for you, or if you need our support. You are warmly invited to continue to participate in our community worship, prayer and spiritual life, both online and offline.

If you would like to be put on our mailing list to receive our weekly e-news, with a link to the online ‘Zoom Tea,’ please contact us at cathedraloffice@chch.ox.ac.uk or speak to one of the clergy in the cloister as you leave.

We will continue to provide online worship; please don’t put yourself under any pressure to come to church if it is safer for you to stay at home. Wherever you are, you remain a valued member of our community.

**Online worship resources from Christ Church Cathedral**

The Cathedral website contains an archive of sermons and services, alongside a regular series of blog reflections. On Sundays, there is a matins podcast available at 9am, reflecting on the readings of the day. You can find worship, resources and prayers at:

- [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/onlineworship](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/onlineworship)
- [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedralblog](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedralblog)
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- [@chchcathedralox](http://@chchcathedralox)
If you would like to save time when you arrive next Sunday, you are welcome to fill in this slip at home and bring it to the cathedral when you are next here, and put it into the box at the desk. You are very welcome to fill out the slip at the desk instead if you would rather do that.

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Prayer for the Week

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.
Amen.