SAID EUCHARIST
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 30 August 2020
11am Oxford Time
Welcome to Christ Church! We are delighted to be able to 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. 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.

This service will feel very different from the ‘old normal.’ Some of the texts we say together will be different, and we cannot sing together or listen to the music of the choir. Our Communion arrangements in particular will be very different. 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 as you know we can’t touch or hug anyone who isn’t part of our 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 have parked in the car park or on the Broad Walk, please remember that the gate onto St Aldate’s will be shut and locked at 12.30pm, after which you won’t be able to drive out of Christ Church.

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.
Please stand as the clergy enter.

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

All Amen.

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation.

Confession

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.

For the evil we have done and the good we have not done, forgive us, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the times we have not shown humility, love and hope, forgive us, Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

For our failures to live in harmony and peace, forgive us, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.
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.

The Collect

President  Let us pray.
Silence is kept.
President  Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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
Romans 12:9–end (NRSV)

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader
This is the word of the Lord.

All
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 16:21–end (NRSV)

Deacon      Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All         Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Deacon      This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All         Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Homily
The Succentor
After the Homily, the organist will play. Please use this music to reflect on the preacher’s words; to pray; or to make your own affirmation of faith, as at the moment we will not say or sing the Creed together.

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Minister* Let us pray.

*Please sit.*

*Minister* Lord, in your mercy

*All* hear our prayer.

The prayers 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.

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 saying:

All  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.
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:

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

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord’s Prayer

President  In times of hope, in times of trouble,
in times of sorrow, in times of praise,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All  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.
Agnus Dei

All

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.

Invitation to 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 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.

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 and leave the Cathedral through the crossing,
south aisle and south door to the cloisters.

Music after the Service

Allegro (Mvt. 3, Sonata 6. BWV 530)  
J S Bach (1685–1750)
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 regular series of blog reflections. On Sundays, there is a weekly recorded service available at 9am and an additional standalone sermon by one of the canons, on the readings of the day. You can find worship, resources and prayers at:

www.chch.ox.ac.uk/onlineworship
www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedralblog
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Prayer for the Week

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
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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