SAID EUCHARIST
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 6 September 2020
11am Oxford Time
Preparing for Worship

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. Today we have sung music for the Eucharist for the first time since March, as we welcome James Potter (director of the Cathedral Singers of Christ Church) as cantor for the Eucharist. He will sing the plainchant Missa ‘Orbis factor.’ 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. 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.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All  Amen.

The President welcomes the congregation.
Please sit or kneel.

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 times we have not trusted in your provision, forgive us, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

All  Lord, have mercy.

For the times we have not followed your instruction, forgive us, Lord.
Christ, have mercy.

All  Christ, have mercy.

For the times we have not had compassion, 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.

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis sung by the Cantor

Glory 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.

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 God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
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 13:8–end (NRSV)

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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

Please sit.

Homily
The Dean
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.
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 singing::
Sanctus

sung by the Cantor

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

President
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.

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

President 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 kneel or sit.

The Lord’s Prayer

President 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.

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.

Agnus Dei
sung by the Cantor

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.

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.
As the deer longs for springs of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for you, O God, a living spring.
When shall I come and appear before your face?  
O spring, spring of life, vein of living waters,~
when shall I come before the water of your sweetness?
I thirst, O Lord, you are the spring of life, satisfy me, for I thirst for you
the living God.
O when shall I come and appear,  
O Lord, before your face?
You think on me; I shall see that day, of joy and gladness.
the day which the Lord has made
(let us rejoice and be glad in it!)
where there is certain security, secure tranquillity, and tranquil joy, joyful felicity, happy eternity, eternal blessedness, the blessed Trinity
Trinity in unity
and unity of the Godhead and a blessed vision of the Godhead
where the joy of the Lord is
O joy above joys, you shall conquer every joy.

WORDS: anonymous seventeenth century devotional
MUSIC: Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)
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

Praeludium in d, BuXWV 140

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)
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](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/onlineworship)
- [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedralblog](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedralblog)
- [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/services-and-events/sermons](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/services-and-events/sermons)
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Prayer for the Week

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
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