SAID EUCHARIST
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 9 August 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. 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 of 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.
The Gathering

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 times we have not believed in your love 
forgive us, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

All  Lord, have mercy.

For the times we have not called on your name, 
forgive us, Lord.
Christ, have mercy.

All  Christ, have mercy.

For the times we have not proclaimed your good news, 
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 God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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
Romans 10:5–15 (NRSV)

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

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

Please stand.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 14:22–33 (NRSV)

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

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

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

Please sit.

Homily
Canon Foot
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.
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.

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  
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.  
**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

*Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541*  
**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
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Prayer for the Week

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet 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.