

*Christ Church Cathedral*

OXFORD

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18 October 2020

11am Oxford Time

# Preparing for Worship

Welcome to Christ Church on the festival of St Luke the Evangelist! 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.

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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**

*Played by Benjamin Sheen, Sub Organist*

*Adagio, from Symphony no. 3  
in F sharp minor, Op. 27*

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

## **Setting of the Eucharist**

*Bright Mass with Canons*

Nico Muhly (b. 1981)

# 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*        We run the race set before us,  
                    surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.  
                    Therefore let us lay aside every weight,  
                    and the sin which clings so closely,  
                    bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*Please sit or kneel.*

We have not lived in the light of the gospel:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not taken care of those in need:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All*      **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not worked for the healing of the world:  
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 as the Choir sings the 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.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*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.*

Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

*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.*

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

*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,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
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

Isaiah 35:3–6 (NRSV)

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert.

*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.*

## Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1–9 (NRSV)

*Deacon* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”’

*Deacon* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit.*

## Homily

The Dean

*Please be seated for the homily. Afterwards, there will be a short silence for reflection. Please stand when the Ministers stand and face East to join with the Apostles’ Creed.*

## 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* We are fellow-citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace  
to those who were far off and those who were near.

*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 as the altar is prepared.*

## 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: *Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

*Please stand if you are able for the prayer at the Preparation of the Table and the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### Preparation of the Table

*President*      Father, accept all we bring before you this day.  
                      Guide us with your love and feed us at your table  
                      as you nourish the faith of the Church  
                      by the preaching of your apostles.  
                      We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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 and good  
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection  
he sent out his apostles and evangelists  
to preach the gospel to all nations  
and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,  
he founded his Church upon the apostles  
firmly to stand for ever  
as a sign of your holiness upon earth  
and a living witness to all  
of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we lift our voices  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*The Choir sings the Sanctus.*

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

*Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*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 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.**

## 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.

*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 vergers 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 vergers 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* God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,  
bring you, with all the saints,  
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;  
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*

*Final, from Symphony no.3  
in F sharp minor, Op. 27*

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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](mailto: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:

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## Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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