



THE EUCHARIST
ON THE FEAST OF
JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Sunday 27 December 2020
at 11.00am

Welcome

Welcome to York Minster and to this Eucharist on the first Sunday after Christmas, which we are keeping as the Feast of John, Apostle and Evangelist.

After all the musical richness of our services on Christmas Day, today we have a simple but dignified said service, giving our musicians an opportunity for a well-earned break after all they have done to keep the Minster alive with music over the past few months.

The Preacher is the Revd Michael Smith, Canon Pastor.

Please join in saying together the words printed in bold type.

If you are joining us via the live stream, you might find this prayer helpful during Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you were already there,
I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you.
Amen.

Information about this Service

We have put in various measures to keep our worship safe in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

- ◆ We ask that people wear masks at all times if they are able, and of course we respect those who are exempt.
- ◆ If you would like to support the work of York Minster in these difficult times there are contactless donation points as you leave.
- ◆ Communion is administered in one kind only. If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are very welcome to receive communion here.
- ◆ If you do not wish to take communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and let the minister know.
- ◆ Gluten-free communion wafers are available from the communion station at the front, nearest the altar. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. When the time comes to receive communion, please ask the minister for a gluten-free wafer.
- ◆ There are hand sanitizers around the Minster for your use as you enter and leave the building, and we ask that everyone maintains physical distancing at all times, and refrains from gathering or socialising with one another within the Minster.
- ◆ To help with this, at the end of this service our stewards will invite you, row by row, to exit the Minster. If you wish to remain to listen to the organ voluntary please do so, but then leave the Minster as directed, as efficiently and as quickly as possible through the door where you came in.
- ◆ Our service today is being live-streamed so that those who are unable to physically be here today can still participate. For licensing and safeguarding reasons, we ask that you do not record this service on your own personal devices.

Despite all these changes to the way we worship, we come here primarily to worship Almighty God, the Word made flesh, in this most holy season of Christmas.

The Gathering

The Aisle Prayers are said and a bell is rung.

Please stand as the procession enters the Minster.

The President says:

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please remain standing.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says:

Hear what Saint John says:
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,
and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The President says:

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.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The congregation says:

**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.**

Please remain standing.

The Collect

The President says:

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to John, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

John 21.19b–end

After the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for the sermon.

Sermon

The Revd Michael Smith, Canon Pastor

Please stand for the Creed.

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please sit for the Intercessions.

Prayers of Intercession

One of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

OR

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers may conclude:

Merciful Father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

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

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A prayer is said as the gifts are presented.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the Word before all creation,
the Life made manifest,
the Light who shines in the darkness.
He is the living Bread who has come down from heaven,
the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
He stands among us in his risen power,
and shows us his hands and his side.
With joy we worship him as our Lord and our God.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary and Joseph,
Peter the Apostle, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit. A short silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The President says an invitation to communion:

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Communion is administered at a number of places. You will be guided by the Stewards.

Authorised words of administration are said, to which the communicant responds:
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

The President invites the congregation to stand and says:

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Word made flesh
proclaimed by your apostle John
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,
ever abide and live within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All then say together:

**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

The Blessing

The President says:

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;
grace from the Word made flesh be with you;
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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