



# THE EUCHARIST

FOR THE FEAST OF  
JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

Friday 19 March 2021

## Welcome

Welcome to York Minster and to this Eucharist on the Feast of Joseph of Nazareth.

At this time of transition, although the Minster is open for some public worship, we are also live-streaming or recording some services without a congregation, in order that more singers can take part

The setting of the Eucharist is the MESSA DA CAPPELLA A QUATTRO VOCI by Claudio Monteverdi.

*The Preacher is the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean.*

*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.

# The Gathering

## The Greeting

*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.**

*The President welcomes those joining from home and introduces the service.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*A Minister says:*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.'  
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God,  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

**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 choir sings:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,  
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus  
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad  
dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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

*The President says:*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
who from the family of your servant David  
raised up Joseph the carpenter  
to be the guardian of your incarnate Son  
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
give us grace to follow him  
in faithful obedience to your commands;  
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.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*The Gospel is heralded by music played on the organ.*

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

MATTHEW 1.18–end

*After the Gospel the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel reading.*

## Sermon

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*The organist plays a musical response to the sermon.*

## 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.**

## 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.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace:*

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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

### Preparation of the Table

*The Offertory Hymn is sung, during which the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

## Offertory Hymn

Lord, hear the praises of thy faithful people  
gathered to honour, on this holy feast-day,  
Joseph thy servant, guardian of the Christ-child,  
husband of Mary.

Second in honour to the Virgin Mother,  
gladly he yielded to his high vocation,  
when in a vision he was told the story  
of her conceiving.

And when the Saviour, whom prophetic voices  
long had predicted, lay within the manger,  
Mother and Infant, by his strong protection,  
rested securely.

May his example give to us thy servants  
love of Christ Jesus, bringer of salvation,  
that with Saint Joseph we at length may praise thee  
in life eternal.

Almighty Father, unto thee be glory,  
with Christ our Saviour and the Holy Spirit,  
from all thy people, here and in thy heaven,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*Words* Editors of the New English Hymnal  
*Tune* CEOLITES PLAUDANT, NEH 190 i, *Rouen Antiphoner* (1728)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*A prayer is said as the gifts are presented.*

Lord our God,  
grant that as Joseph faithfully cared for your only Son,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
so we may serve you with pure and loyal hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Today we honour Joseph,  
the just man whom you gave as husband  
to the Virgin Mother of your Son,  
the wise and faithful servant whom you placed over your household.  
With a father's love he cared for Jesus, your only Son,  
conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit.  
Through Christ the choirs of angels and all the powers of heaven  
worship in awe before your presence.  
May our voices blend with theirs,  
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

### *The choir sings:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

*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, William of York, 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.**

*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 the 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.

*During the distribution of Communion the choir sings:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world, grant us peace.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The President says:*

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature  
in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth  
and on the wood of the cross  
perfected the work of the world's salvation:  
help us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,  
to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness,  
and to walk with him in simplicity and trust;  
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

## Hymn

God is love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is love, eternal love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailling grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts souls of men,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides them even then.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

*Words* NEH 364, Timothy Rees (1874–1939)

*Tune* BLAENWERN, NEH 408, William Rowlands (1860–1937)

## The Blessing

*The President says:*

May the love of the Holy Family surround you.  
May the joy that was Mary's refresh you.  
May the faithfulness that was Joseph's encourage you.  
May the peace of the Christ-child fill your lives.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*A Minister says:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**