



**YORK
MINSTER**

THE EUCHARIST

AND BLESSING OF THE

GRAND ORGAN

ON THE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 7 March 2021

Welcome

Welcome to York Minster and to this Eucharist on the Third Sunday of Lent.

While the Minster is still closed for public worship, in order to reduce the transmission of the Covid-19 virus, we are sharing the Sunday Eucharist with those live-streaming from home. We are delighted that we will use the newly-restored organ for the first time in worship, a major landmark in a project that has taken many years to plan and bring to fulfilment. We hope that before much longer members of the congregation will be able to return and hear the instrument properly in the Minster.

The setting of the Eucharist is the *MISSA BREVIS* by David Halls.

The Preacher is the Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor.

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 Litany

O God the Father, of heaven:
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Father, of heaven:
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O God the Holy Ghost,
proceeding from the Father and the Son:
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Holy Ghost,
proceeding from the Father and the Son:
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God:
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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Remember not, Lord our offences,
nor the offences of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins:
spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed
with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin,
from the crafts and assaults of the devil;
from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation;
by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision;
by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion;
by thy precious Death and Burial;
by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God;
and that it may please thee to rule and govern
thy holy Church universal in the right way;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee,
in righteousness and holiness of life,
thy servant Elizabeth, our most gracious Queen and Governor;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons,
with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word;
and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth,
and shew it accordingly;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the High Court of Parliament
and all the Ministers of the Crown, with grace, wisdom, and understanding;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth
all such as have erred, and are deceived;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand;
and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall;
and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance;
to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances;
and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

Music William Byrd (c. 1539–1623)

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.

Blessing of the Grand Organ

The Dean of York says this prayer for the restored organ, which is used in worship for the first time today before being dedicated on Easter Day.

Almighty God,
who gave your people the gift of music
to express joy and sorrow, praise and lament,
we pray to you this day:
to bless † this organ for use in worship,
through which our hearts and voices
will be united in prayer and praise.

We also ask your blessing upon all musicians
who will make it sound:
that your Spirit will inspire them
to give glory to your name
and support the song of this Cathedral Church.

And since this instrument creates only one music
from the multitude of pipes
and the richness of its stops,
make all the members of your Church one people,
united in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

A Minister says:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**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 choir sings:

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| Kyrie eleison. | <i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i> |
| Christe eleison. | <i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i> |
| Kyrie eleison. | <i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i> |

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.

The Collect

The President says:

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life 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. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

EXODUS 20.1-17

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel is heralded by music played on the organ.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

JOHN 2.13–22

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

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace:

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
 ye for whom a Corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
 laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
 ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
 walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
 each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
 shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
 tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
 to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Words C A Alington (1872–1955)

Tune RUSTINGTON, NEH 477, Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Organ Prelude

Ach lieben Christen, seid getrost

Sally Beamish

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A prayer is said as the gifts are presented.

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
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
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace

and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
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: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
miserere nobis.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
dona nobis pacem.*

Prayer after Communion

The President says:

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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.

Verses from THE LENT PROSE are sung as the procession leaves.

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