



The Holy Eucharist
Matthew, Apostle

Sunday 21st September
at 11.15am

President: The Very Revd Jessica Martin
Preacher: The Revd Canon Sebastian Harries

Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral. Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off and keep your belongings with you.

Music. The mass setting is the Communion Service in C by John Ireland (1872-1962) The Cathedral Choir is directed by Emma Gibbins, the Director of Music. The organ is played by Samuel Bristow, the Assistant Director of Music.

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Tierce en Taille
(Messe pour les Paroisses)

François Couperin (1668-1733)

The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed. Please stand to sing:

Hymn

FULDA

William Gardiner in *Sacred Melodies* 1815



He sat to watch o'er customs paid,
A man of scorned and hardening trade;
Alike the symbol and the tool
Of foreign masters' hated rule.

But grace within his breast had stirred;
There needed but the timely word;
It came, true Lord of souls, from thee,
That royal summons, 'Follow me.'

Enough, when thou wert passing by,
To hear thy voice, to meet thine eye:
He rose, responsive to the call,
And left his task, his gains, his all.

O wise exchange! with these to part,
And lay up treasure in the heart;
Who now with crown of light doth shine
Among the apostolic line.

Come, Saviour, as in days of old;
Pass where the world has strongest hold,
And faithless care and selfish greed
Are thorns which choke the holy seed.

Who keep thy gifts, O bid them claim
The steward's, not the owner's name;
Who yield all up for thy dear sake,
Let them of Matthew's wealth partake.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901)

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president offers some words of welcome and introduction.

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

We keep a moment of quiet as we call to mind our sins.

All **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.**

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 be seated.

Gloria in Excelsis

*GLORY be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

President Let us pray

*O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

All



A - men.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Proverbs 3:13-18

A reading from the book Proverbs.

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings the psalm.

Psalm 119 (65-72)

65. O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

66. O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

67. Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

68. Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

69. The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

70. Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

71. It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

72. The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Procession.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
 Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.



As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

The Sermon

'The Calling of Matthew: Redeeming Greed by Desiring Mercy' The Revd Canon Sebastian Harries

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

**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

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

The congregation sits or kneels.

At the end of the prayers the intercessor may say

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

At the end of the intercessions, please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain standing to sing the offertory hymn, during which a collection is taken.

Hymn

LOVE UNKNOWN

John Ireland (1879-1962)



Christ is the one who calls,
the one who loved and came,
to whom by right it falls
to bear the highest Name:
and still today our hearts are stirred
to hear his word and walk his way.

Christ is the one who seeks,
to whom our souls are known.
The word of love he speaks
can wake a heart of stone;
for at that sound the blind can see,
the slave is free, the lost are found.

Christ is the one who died,
forsaken and betrayed;
who, mocked and crucified,
the price of pardon paid.
Our dying Lord, what grief and loss,
what bitter cross, our souls restored!

Christ is the one who rose
in glory from the grave,
to share his life with those
whom once he died to save.
He drew death's sting and broke its chains,
who lives and reigns, our risen King.

Christ is the one who sends,
his story to declare;
who calls his servants friends
and gives them news to share.
His truth proclaim in all the earth,
his matchless worth and saving Name.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Please remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you R: And al - so with you.



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



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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty for you have given us a share with Matthew in the inheritance of the saints in light. In the darkness of this passing age they proclaim the glory of your kingdom. Chosen as lights in the world, they surround our steps as we journey on towards the city of eternal light where they sing the everlasting song of triumph. In communion with angels and archangels and all who have served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.



Great is the mys - te - ry of faith: Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Matthew,
Mary, Peter, Cedd, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour gave us.

All **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

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.**

The choir sings the Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

The 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.**

To indicate if you wish to receive Communion, please hold out your hands. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

Motet

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

We remain sitting for the communion hymn.

Hymn

HYFRYDOL

Melody by Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me -
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me -
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

Words: Francis Rawley (1854-1952)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

We keep a moment of quiet prayer

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.

All **Amen.**

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.**

Please remain seated for the notices.

Notices

The Dismissal

Please stand.

Hymn

HAREWOOD

S. S. Wesley 1816-1876



Glory to you, O God,
for all your saints in light,
who nobly waged and won
the fierce and well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life outpoured
by fire and sword
for Christ their King.

Thanks be to you, O Lord,
for saints your Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live
your life and speak your word.
Unnumbered they
whose shining light
informs our sight
from day to day.

Lord God of truth and love,
'Your kingdom come', we pray;
give us your grace to know
your truth and walk your way.
Your will be done
here on this earth,
till saints in earth
and heaven are one.

Words: Howard CA Gaunt (1902-1983)

The Blessing

The president blesses the people

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



Organ Voluntary

Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux
(Messe pour les Paroisses)

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Please remain standing as the ministers depart.

Music Notes

Today's voluntaries are taken from François Couperin's Messe pour les Paroisses (Mass for the Parishes), which he wrote alongside another mass setting, both for organ. These were to be used in conjunction with sung plainchant sections, played and sung alternately. Couperin was born in 1668 into a musical family, and played at the Church of Saint-Gervais in Paris. Tierce en Taille is a prayerful meditation on a verse from the Gloria: Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

The Offertoire (or Offertory) is not one following words of the mass setting, but written for use as the priest prepares the altar. Couperin's expansive offering is written in three sections, and shows off different 'colours' of the organ in each of them, culminating in a joyful, dance-like movement.

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