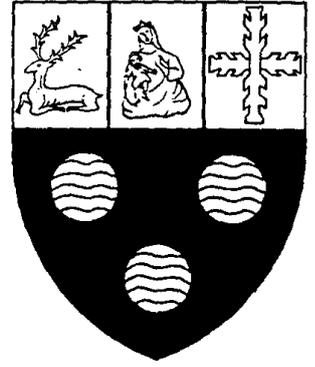


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*The Cathedral and Parish Church  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



# CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (online)

**Climate Sunday**

Sunday 13 September 2020

10.00am

# Welcome to this online service from Southwell Minster

Please do join in at home as you are comfortably able: you may wish to stand, sit and kneel as you normally would in church (we have included instructions for posture in this booklet for this reason), and/or to speak along with the congregational elements of the service.

The President of the Eucharist is The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.  
The Preacher is The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

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## About Climate Sunday

The period between 1 September and 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) is increasingly kept by many denominations as a 'Season of Creation', when we reflect and commit to action on environmental issues. As part of this movement, we are keeping today as 'Climate Sunday', thinking about human impact on our common home, the Earth, and what we can do to address this.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. We now enter a time of prayer for restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation. Christians around the world will use this period to renew their relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. This is a time to consider the integral relationship between rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social, and political ways of living. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand*

### INTROIT

Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for thee, and let thy prophets be  
found faithful:  
regard the prayers of thy servant, and of thy people Israel.

*Music: DA PACEM  
Mode i*

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

### GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The President introduces the Eucharist.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our greed  
and repent of the ways in which we have damaged God's good creation:

*Silence is kept.*

We confess to you  
our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our failure to protect your creation.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

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



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)  
**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)**

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.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)**

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.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)**

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.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)**

*Music: Francis Duffy*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.**

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Roger Knaggs*

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.  
You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things.  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 21-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.

'When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

SERMON *given by The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

*Please stand*

CREED

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

**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.**

*The President says:*

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

*Please sit or kneel*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *led by Angela Ashwin, Reader and Honorary Canon*

*The following response is used:*

God of compassion,  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

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

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN



**Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the Cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
Of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance  
At his second coming yield;  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
Will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine  
From the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
From the brightness of thy face;  
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven  
Here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel-hands be gathered,  
And be ever safe with thee.**

**Alleluya! Alleluya!  
Glory be to God on high;  
To the Father, and the Saviour,  
Who has gained the victory;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluya! Alleluya!  
To the Triune Majesty.**

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)*

*Tune: LUX EOI NEH 103  
Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)*

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Let us pray.

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

**Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary 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 sit or kneel*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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

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.**

## AGNUS DEI

**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.**

## GIVING OF 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 President receives Communion, during which a time of personal prayer and devotion is kept and the following prayer may be offered:*

O Love, O God, who created me,  
in your love recreate me.  
O Love, who redeemed me,  
fill up in me whatever part of your love  
has fallen into neglect within me.  
O Love, O God, who first loved me,  
grant that with my whole heart, soul and strength  
I may love you.

## COMMUNION MOTET

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
*Lord of all...*

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
*Lord of all...*

For each perfect gift of thine,  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
*Lord of all...*

*Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

*Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Please stand*

### BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all goodness,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon us his children,  
that we may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

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

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Final (from Symphony no 2)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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