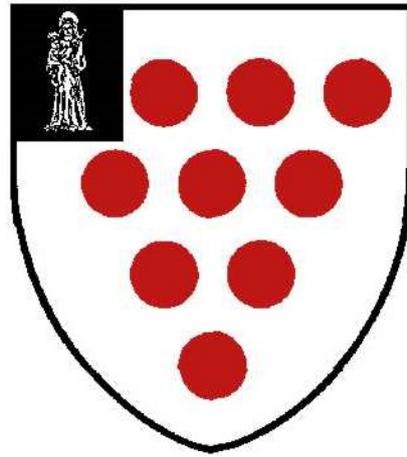


The Cathedral Church of Christ
and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester



**Sung Eucharist for
Eastertide**

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Welcome



to everyone worshipping in Worcester Cathedral at this service.

If you are here for the first time, please contact Canon Stephen Edwards (stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk) who can give you a **welcome booklet**.

We regret that under current guidance, we are unable to offer **Junior Church** provision.

All baptised, communicant members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive **communion** if they wish.

Those who are not receiving communion are warmly invited to come forward with those who are receiving communion, if they wish, to receive instead a silent prayer of **blessing**. Please hold something in your hands as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing, and the minister will bless you without touching you.

Please speak to a steward or vergers before the service if you wish to receive **gluten-free consecrated bread**, or to have communion brought to you in your seat.

A **collection** will be taken as you leave the cathedral at the end of the service, which includes a facility for contactless donation. Your gift will support the cathedral's ministry and mission, and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. UK tax-payers are kindly asked to use gift-aid envelopes available at the separate contactless giving points, which allows the cathedral to claim an additional 25% of the donation from the government, at no additional cost to the donor. The front of the envelopes has to be completed, and we ask you kindly to do this with your own pen. If you wish to give regularly, please contact Gerald Harris of the Stewardship Committee via the Chapter Office (01905 732900).

You may like to use this **prayer** privately before the service begins:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gathering

The people stand at the entry of the ministers.

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.

All Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president welcomes the people and introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

President Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

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 May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Cantor 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 Collect is said, and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The people sit for the readings and psalm.

Readings

Two readings precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each, the reader says

All For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

A psalm or canticle follows the first reading.

Gospel Reading

The people stand.

An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading, to which all respond

All **Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

The people stand.

Minister Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers of Intercession

The people sit, and a minister leads them in prayers of intercession.

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

All Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The people stand.

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
‘Peace be with you.’
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20.19,20

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

The people remain standing.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The president places bread and wine on the altar.

The president takes the bread and wine and says

All Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

The president praises God for his mighty acts.

Cantor 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.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used

President Jesus Christ is Lord:
All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

All **Amen.**

(or)

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to communion, saying

All Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president receives communion and says to those intending to receive communion

The body of Christ. (or) The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Those intending to receive communion respond

Amen.

The people receive communion in one kind (consecrated bread only) from a standing station. All baptised members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive communion if they wish.

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Those coming forward are asked to form a single line, socially distanced from one another, and return to their seats via the side-aisles, as directed by the stewards and vergers.

Cantor Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace.

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

The people stand.

The president says the Post Communion prayer, and then the people join in this prayer

All **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The president blesses the people, ending

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The president dismisses the people, saying

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The ministers and people depart. Please follow any direction of the stewards or vergers.

The offerings of the people are collected as they leave.

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