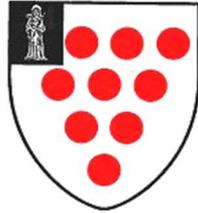


The Cathedral Church of Christ  
and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester



# Sung Eucharist

with Presentation of Chorister Awards

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
19 September 2021

President: The Dean  
Preacher: The Reverend Professor Robert Gilbert

*'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
    'To be exalted thus;'  
'Worthy the Lamb', our lips reply,  
    'For he was slain for us.'*

# Welcome



to everyone worshipping in Worcester Cathedral this morning, and especially to those **choristers** who will be awarded medals during the course of this service, and their families and friends.

We also welcome former members of the King's School ('**Old Vigornians**'), including our preacher, the Reverend Professor Robert Gilbert, Tutor for Welfare and Junior Dean of Arts, Magdalen College, Oxford. The Secretary of the Old Vigornian Society will read one of the readings, and the Headmaster will lead the intercessions.

**Large-print** copies of this service-booklet are available from the stewards.

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

Our **Junior Church** will gather in the Undercroft in the Cloisters during the opening hymn and return to the Cathedral before the Peace.

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 **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.

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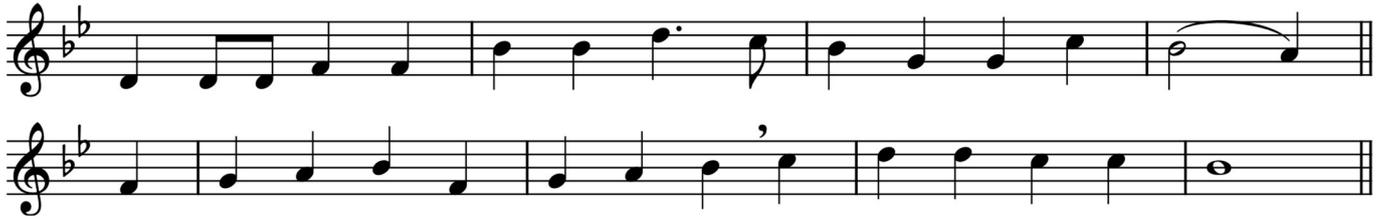
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**Refreshments** are served in the Chapter House (through the Cloisters) after the service. All are warmly welcome.

*The people stand as the ministers enter, and this hymn is sung*

NATIVITY

Henry Lahee (1826-1912)



1

**Come, let us join our cheerful song  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.**

3

**Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honour and power divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, for ever thine.**

2

**‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,  
‘To be exalted thus;’  
‘Worthy the Lamb’, our lips reply,  
‘For he was slain for us.’**

4

**Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of him that sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.**

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

## **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 welcomes the people and introduces the service.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*Minister* 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 sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*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.**

### **Today's Music**

The choral setting of the eucharist today is that in E by Harold Darke (1888–1976), and the communion motet is *Beati quorum via* by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924).

*Beati quorum via* is the third of Stanford's three Latin motets, written in 1905. This motet sets the first verse of Psalm 119. The rich, mellifluous music, reminiscent of a pastoral idyll, reflects the psalmist's simple message.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Choir*

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,  
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.

*The people remain standing.*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The people sit for the readings and psalm.*

## First Reading

*Reader* A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make

trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

*Wisdom 1.16—2.1, 12-22*

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

## **Psalm**

*Choir* Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.  
Hear my prayer, O God :  
and hearken unto the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up  
against me :  
and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.  
Behold, God is my helper :  
the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.  
He shall reward evil unto mine enemies :  
destroy thou them in thy truth.  
An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord :  
because it is so comfortable.  
For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble :  
and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

*Psalm 54*

## **Second Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom

from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*James 3.13—4.3, 7-8a*

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

*The people stand to sing this hymn*

WILTSHIRE

George Smart (1776-1867)  
in his *Collection of Sacred Music* (1863)



A - men.

1

**Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.**

2

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt his name;  
When in distress to him I called,  
He to my rescue came.**

3

The hosts of God encamp around  
The dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance he afford to all  
Who on his succour trust.

5

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you his service your delight,  
Your wants shall be his care.

4

O make but trial of his love,  
Experience will decide  
How blest are they, and only they,  
Who in his truth confide.

6

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

*Psalm 34 from the New Version of the Psalms of David (1696)  
Nahum Tate (1652–1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659–1726)*

## Gospel Reading

*The people remain standing for this acclamation which heralds the Gospel reading*

Choir

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*cf. Matthew 4.4*

All



Reader

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

All



After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.





*Junior church is greeted by the president.*

*The people sit for the presentation of chorister awards.*

## The Peace

*The people stand.*

*President* We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*This hymn is sung, during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar*

REGENT SQUARE

Henry Smart (1813-79)

A - men.

1

**Light's abode, celestial Salem,  
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,  
Brighter than the heart can fancy,  
Mansion of the highest King;  
O, how glorious are the praises  
Which of thee the prophets sing!**

2

**There for ever and for ever  
Alleluya is outpoured;  
For unending, for unbroken  
Is the feast-day of the Lord;  
All is pure and all is holy  
That within thy walls is stored.**

3

There no cloud nor passing vapour.  
Dims the brightness of the air;  
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,  
From the Sun of suns is there;  
There no night brings rest from labour,  
There unknown are toil and care.

4

O how glorious and resplendent,  
Fragile body, shalt thou be,  
When endued with so much beauty,  
Full of health, and strong, and free,  
Full of vigour, full of pleasure  
That shall last eternally!

5

Now with gladness, now with  
courage,  
Bear the burden on thee laid,  
That hereafter these thy labours  
May with endless gifts be paid,  
And in everlasting glory  
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

6

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

*Jerusalem luminosa. Latin, 15th century  
translated by J. M. Neale (1818–66)*

*The president takes the bread and wine and says*

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.

*All*      **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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*Choir* 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.

*President* 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.

*Minister* Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*President* 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St Oswald, St Wulfstan 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.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*The people kneel.*

*President* 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*

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.**

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

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*Those intending to receive communion respond*

**Amen.**

*Choir*

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 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*During the giving of communion, the choir sings*

*Beati quorum via integra est:  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way:  
and walk in the law of the Lord.

Words: Psalm 119.1

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*The people stand to sing this hymn*

BLAENWERN

William Rowlands (1860-1907)



1

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

2

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

3

**Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

## Prayer after Communion

*President* Let us pray.

*The people remain standing.*

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
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.**

## The Dismissal

*President* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The president blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Choir*      Go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

*The ministers and people depart.*

*The offerings of the people are collected as they leave.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

Toccata from Plymouth Suite

*Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)*

*Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary.*

*All are warmly welcome to refreshments served in the Chapter House (through the Cloisters).*

**Please take this booklet home as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week, and then re-cycle it.**

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