

Sung Eucharist
Sunday 17th January 2021
at 10.00 am
The Second Sunday after
Epiphany



Truro
Cathedral

President and Preacher:
The Bishop of Truro

From the Canon Precentor

'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening' - some words from our Old Testament reading this morning. Does God speak? If so, to what extent do we listen? Are we open to receiving God's word and his purpose for us or are we spiritually deaf when it suits us, or even hard of hearing when we suspect that what is being asked of us goes against the grain and challenges all that we have ever held dear? This reading is often read at services associated with 'calling' and 'vocation' and I find the words extremely moving.

Throughout my years in ministry I have met a few people who have followed what they thought was God's call, entered the ministry, only some years later to have realised that, perhaps through a fit of enthusiasm at the time, had realised that they were mistaken and went on to follow a different vocational path for their life. Some had even, because of tragedy or the stresses of modern life and ministry lost their faith. Conversely, I have also met a few people who felt a deep sense of calling to the priesthood and did nothing about it, or left it too late and the business of life has taken over and they lived with a sense of regret ever since. Sometimes God speaks in the almost miraculous, and sometimes, as with the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 19:12) his message and purpose is conveyed via a 'still small voice'.

Do you have a sense of Groundhog Day as we enter a third lockdown? Maybe yes, and maybe no. There is definitely a sense of 'we've been here before' along with a renewed feeling of anxiety as Coronavirus infection rates rise – this time even in our locality. Fortunately, we are not bound to constantly re-live the pandemic in an ever spinning vicious circle; and we give thanks for our scientists and medics and that a vaccination programme is currently underway – there is an end in sight! Until then, please stay safe and well and be assured of the prayers of all at the cathedral.

Some people have posed the question of 'Where is God in all this?' This is a challenge to all people of faith. 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening'. Perhaps our current situation calls upon us to consider afresh health, sickness and disability. Perhaps we are confronted with issues of neighbourliness, mortality, our relationship with life and death, science and research, the availability of worldwide healthcare and the consideration and care we ought to have for each other. Perhaps our current situation calls us also to realistically consider our relationship with,

and treatment of the environment. It probably also calls all people of faith to reconsider the place of faith in our world in times of global anxiety. All these are surely pressing issues, and there is no easy answer. 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.'

Canon Simon

Windows in Eco-Theology

The latest Windows course starts again tomorrow, Monday January 18th, using the Zoom online platform. Windows into Eco-theology will run for six weeks on Mondays from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Please join via the Cathedral website, following the link to Eventbrite bookings under Windows into Eco-theology.

THIS WEEK

Because of lockdown restrictions, the cathedral is currently closed and Sunday services are being live streamed. Please check our website for any up to date changes that may have to take place.

Next Sunday 24th January: The Third Sunday after Epiphany

10.00 am	Sunday Eucharist (Live streamed) <i>President and Preacher: The Bishop of St Germans</i>
4.00 pm	Evensong (Live streamed) <i>Preacher: Martin Adams, Reader</i>

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir take their places and sing the Introit. Please stand as a vergier leads the Bishop to the altar.

Introit

Coventry Carol, 16th cent. Anon.

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.
Thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay?"

Herod the king, in his raging,
Chargèd he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and may
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay."

The Bishop says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people

Peace be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The Bishop invites all to confess their sins

'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening'. Let us turn to the Lord and acknowledge those times when we have failed to hear your call, obey your will, and have followed our own selfish and sinful ways.

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.**

The Bishop 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.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing

The choir sings the Gloria from the Messe de Notre Dame by Guillaume de Machaut (c.1300-1377)

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus,
Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,

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

suscipe deprecationem
nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

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.

Please remain standing.

The Collect

The Bishop says the Collect, the special prayer for the day.

Let us pray

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.'

But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 139: 1-9

How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go then from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.

Second Reading **Revelation 5: 1-10**

A reading from the revelation to St John the divine.

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

sung by the choir

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading
John 1: 43-end

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon
The Bishop of Truro

The Bishop says an opening invocation or prayer, and then all sit.

Please stand

All **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Bishop says

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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.
In the coming of the Magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The choir sings the Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing as the Bishop continues

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting Praise:

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

Please remain standing.

The Lord's Prayer

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or other suitable words

Trusting in the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

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 Bishop says the following invitation to Communion.

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.**

At the Distribution the Bishop says

The body of Christ.

The communicant replies each time Amen, and then receives.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Anthem

Misereremei, Deus by William Byrd (1540 – 1623)

**Miserere mei, Deus,
secundum magnam misericordiam
tuam: et secundum multitudinem
miserationum tuarum,
dele iniquitatem meam.**

**Have mercy on me, O God
after thy great goodness:
according to the multitude of
thy mercies
do away mine offences.**

After Communion

Please stand

Let us pray

The Bishop says the Post Communion prayer.

**God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may
shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

All **now and for ever. Amen.**

Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing as the Bishop departs.

Organ Voluntary

Offertoire sur deux Noëls by Alexandre Guilmant (1837 – 1911)

Please take this order of service away with you.

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