

Sung Eucharist
Sunday 24th January 2021
at 10.00 am
The Third Sunday after
Epiphany



Truro
Cathedral

President and Preacher:
The Bishop of St Germans

From the Canon Precentor

A very warm welcome to the Bishop of St Germans who is presiding and preaching at our live streamed Sung Eucharist this morning. A warm welcome also to everyone 'tuning in'.

Some years ago, being half asleep I guess, I remember making a terrible 'faux pas' whilst preaching and referring to Jesus 'changing wine into water'! Furthermore, I once heard a story of a minister who insisted (no doubt in order to preserve traditional temperance teaching) that Jesus changed the water and any remaining wine into non-alcoholic wine which was far superior to the earlier wine which had been served. Either way, I suspect that the guests at the wedding would have been rather put out!

Today's Gospel reading is the first of the seven signs upon which John's Gospel is structured. It is the turning of the water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. Without straying into Bishop Hugh's territory (if he chooses to preach on this text!) four things immediately strike me about the reading and which might focus our thoughts as we prepare to hear again the gospel message.

Firstly, there is joy. The incident was set in a wedding and the guests were no doubt joyful – it was a happy occasion. It is highly unlikely that there would have been any dour Victorian melancholy at the original incident. Joy is one of the characteristics of the Christian life (Galatians 5:22) and it is only natural that those who are followers of Christ show forth that joy in the redemption to be found in him.

Secondly, this passage reminds us of the generosity of God. It would have been extremely foolish of the organisers of the wedding feast not to have ensured that there was sufficient wine for the festivities. Imagine the embarrassment and shame of those who had ordered the quantity of wine and of those who were serving it when they were asked for more – not to mention the feelings of the bride and groom! But there is no shame here and definitely no blame - God's grace is generous and provides for all, despite the unforeseen foolishness.

Thirdly there is transformation. God's grace in Christ takes something everyday and ordinary and turns it into something utterly special. It is freely given. No one can be touched by God's grace and remain unchanged.

Finally, there is recognition. Recognition, albeit though his 'hour had not yet come' that God was manifest in the person of Jesus, the old had passed and the new had appeared (see also Mark 2:22).

Joy, generosity, transformation and recognition – four themes for us to ponder today. God's grace is poured upon us in abundance, and perhaps even in these challenging times we might think of the many ways in which He has revealed himself to us and how he continues to uphold and support us.

Canon Simon

Windows in Eco-Theology

The latest Windows course continues tomorrow, Monday January 25th, via Zoom. 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.

Music

The mass setting and introit at today's Sung Eucharist were written by local composer Russell Pascoe. 'Pader an arleth' is a setting of the Lord's Prayer translated into Cornish by Richard Gendall. The Missa Brevis was composed for our Lay Vicars and Choral Scholars in 2009. We are grateful to Russell for these and other works which are in the cathedral choir's repertoire and continue to beautify our services regularly.

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 3 1st January: The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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| 10.00 am | Sunday Eucharist (Live streamed) <i>President and Preacher: The Revd Elly Sheard</i> |
| 4.00 pm | Evensong (Live streamed) <i>Preacher: The Dean</i> |

The Gathering

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

Introit

Pader an arleth by Russel Pascoe (b. 1959)

An Taze, eze neave,
Benegaz bo tha hanaw.
Tha g'lasketh grenz doaze;
Tha vothe bo grenze,
En noare pecaraa en neave.
Ro tha nye an journama gon
bara peb deeth,
Ha gave tha nye gon pehazow
Pecarra tel era nye gava angy
Neb eze peha war a gon bidn.
Ha na raze gon lewa en antall,
Boz gweeth nye thort droage.
Rag an g'lasketh chee a beaw,
Ha an nearth, ha an worrians,
Rag nevra venitho.
Andelna ra bo.

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.

The Bishop of St Germans says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Bishop of St Germans 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

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways. Let us therefore turn to the Lord in penitence for the many times when we have strayed from His paths.

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 Missa Brevis by Russell Pascoe (b. 1959)

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,
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.

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 Bishop of St Germans says the Collect, the special prayer for the day.

Let us pray

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 14: 17-20

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 128

May the Lord bless you all the days of your life.

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.

Your wife within your house shall be like the fruitful vine;
your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.
Thus shall the one be blest who fears the Lord.

The Lord from our of Zion bless you,
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.
May you see your children's children,
and may there be peace upon Israel.

Second Reading
Revelation 19: 6-10

A reading from the revelation to St John the divine.

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

sung by the choir

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading
John 2: 1-11

The Bishop of St Germans 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.**

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon
The Bishop of St Germans

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 of St Germans 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.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing as the Bishop of St Germans 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 Bishop 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.

All **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.**

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 of St Germans 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.**

After Communion

Please stand

Let us pray

The Bishop of St Germans says the Post Communion prayer.

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 of St Germans 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 clergy depart.

Organ Voluntary
Carillon de Westminster by Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

Please take this order of service away with you.

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