

Sung Eucharist
Sunday 28th February 2021
at 10.00 am
The Second Sunday in Lent



Truro
Cathedral

President and Preacher:
The Revd Canon Jane
Vaughan-Wilson

From the Dean

As a result of discussions at this week's Executive's meeting, it has been decided that we will reopen the cathedral for public worship on Sunday, 14th March, Mothering Sunday. We felt that this was an appropriate time to do this, with phase one of the ease of lockdown taking place a week before with the reopening of schools throughout England, and with contagion and hospitalisation rates falling in Cornwall in particular. It has been a difficult time not having the cathedral open, but we felt it was for appropriate reasons given the scale of infection rates at the beginning of the year. Opening times will be as before lockdown, although the two-metre rules will still apply inside the building. It will be good, after last year's 'silent Easter,' to be able to offer physical as well as virtual services for Easter this year, and we hope that as spring develops into summer, more and more activities will be possible. Of course, further updates will be given as and when, but in the meantime, I thought you ought to be apprised of this latest development.

Thank you.

Dean Roger

Windows

As the first anniversary of the first UK lockdown approaches, many people, of all faiths and none, will find themselves reflecting on the deeper issues raised by our shared international experience of the pandemic. We do not yet, of course, have the benefit of hindsight as the world is very far from out of the danger zones yet. But it is nonetheless appropriate for us to begin to reflect on what has been happening to us all over the past year, and together ask questions such as 'Where is God in all this?' and 'what does the Christian faith have to say about the challenges that the world now faces?'

If you would like to join the discussions there are two possible sessions to enrol on: Monday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30 pm or Tuesday afternoons 2 – 4 pm. Each course is for four weeks duration, beginning Monday 1st March or Tuesday 2nd March respectively.

Please go to the Truro Cathedral website to join one or other course (both will offer the same material) and you will be sent the correct zoom link.

We look forward to seeing you and to some interesting discussions.

Music

We are grateful to Paul Drayton who has composed the mass setting which the choir will premiere during the course of this morning's service.

Paul will be well-known to many of our regular worshippers. He was born in Yorkshire, then lived and worked in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. As a pianist he has worked with a variety of singers and choirs, while his composing has centred to a large extent on vocal and choral music. He has written music for student revues, song-cycles, motets and sacred repertoire as well as operas, of which he has now completed three. Since settling in Cornwall he has been kind enough to compose a number of works for our cathedral choir.

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 7th March: The Third Sunday in Lent

10.00 am	Sunday Eucharist (Live streamed) <i>President and Preacher: The Bishop of Truro</i>
4.00 pm	Evensong (Live streamed) <i>Preacher: Canon Alan Bashforth</i>

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be parted from thee.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me
And bid me come to thee
That with all thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Gathering

Please stand as a verger leads the clergy to the altar.

Introit

'Look down, O Lord' by William Byrd (1543 – 1623)
Words: William Leighton (c. 1565 – 1622)

Look down, O Lord, on me poor man,
in thee I live, I move and am,
O clear my soul and conscience,
that I in Thee my peace find
rest to my heart, joy to my mind,
freede from my sin and mine offence.

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The president invites all to confess their sins

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him:
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing

The choir sings the Kyrie Eleison from the Missa Brevis by Paul Drayton (first performance).

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

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

Let us pray

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 17: 1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Lent Prose
sung by the choir

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Second Reading
Romans 4: 13-end

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation
sung by the choir

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Reading
Mark 8: 31-end

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus began to his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The president 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers of intercession with these or other suitable words

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

These responses may be used

All **Lord of compassion, OR Lord, in your mercy
in your mercy hear us. hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers silence may be kept and the president may say the following or another appropriate collect

**God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace

**Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please sit while the altar is prepared but stand when the organ stops playing.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The president 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.**

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus

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 president continues

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The prayer continues

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
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.**

Please remain standing.

The Lord's Prayer

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

With faith and confidence, let us pray to the Father in words that our
Saviour 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 president 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 president 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 president 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

'Look down, O Lord' by Jonathan Seers (b. 1954)
Words from the late night service of Compline

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne,
illuminate the darkness of this night
with thy perpetual brightness
and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Communion

Please stand

Let us pray

The president says the Post Communion prayer.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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

Ciacona in E minor BuxVW 160 by Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637 – 1707)

Please take this order of service away with you.

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of
England, material from which is included in this service, is
copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000



Truro
Cathedral