

Holy Eucharist for Sunday 14th February the Sunday next before Lent



Truro
Cathedral

President and Preacher:
Canon Alan Bashforth

From the Canon Chancellor

In the life of the Church today is Quinquagesima, the etymology of the word springing from the notion that in one way of counting – a strange way I admit - we are 50 days from Easter. Whether you call the day that or the Sunday next before Lent, there can be little doubt that on February 14th the world is thinking that it is St Valentine's day. This morning – if only to get out of trying to say something coherent about the Transfiguration – we will reflect on this church, meets world, day – when the remembrance of a fairly minor saint, becomes a major event in the nations cultural calendar. What challenges and opportunities does this bring to the church's door?

Every blessing
Canon Alan

Windows in Eco-Theology

The latest Windows course continues tomorrow, Monday February 8th, via Zoom 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 21st February: The First Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Sunday Eucharist (Live streamed)

President and Preacher: The Dean

4.00 pm Evening Prayer (Live streamed)

Preacher: The Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans

The Gathering

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

Introit

Ave Maria by Johan Joseph Fux (c. 1660-1741)

Ave Maria, gratia plena
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus
ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoris,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

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.

or

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

When Christ appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.
As he is pure,
all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.
So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president 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 sing the Gloria from the Mass for Four Voices by Claudio
Monteverdi (1567 – 1643)*

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,

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,

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.

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.

Please remain standing

The Collect

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

Let us pray

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 2 Kings 2.1-12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated

Responsorial Psalm 50.1-6

sung by the choir

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;
our God comes and will not keep silence.

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge

Consuming fire goes out before him
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
He calls the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge

'Gather to me my faithful,
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
Let the heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

sung by the choir

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Reading Mark 9. 2-9

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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

At the end of the sermon all remain seated.

Please stand

The Creed

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 E

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song 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 president continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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 or another appropriate invitation to
Communion.*

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please sit. Communion will be administered at the front of the Nave. Please maintain the appropriate social distance.

At the Distribution the minister says

The body of Christ.

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then receives.*

During the distribution the choir sings the Agnus Dei to a plainsong setting.

**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

Salve Regina by Francesco Cavalli (1602-1676)

**Salve Regina,
Mater Misericordiae
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra,
Salve!
Ad te clamamus,
exsules filii Hevae,
ad te suspiramus, gementes
et flentes,
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eja ergo, Advocata nostra,
Illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum
ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exilium, ostende
O clemens, O pia,
O dulcis Virgo Maria.**

**Hail, Holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our
hope. Hail.
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
to thee do we send up
our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy
toward us, and after this, our exile,
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus,
O clement, O loving,
O sweet, Virgin Mary.**

After Communion

Please stand

Let us pray

The president says the Post Communion prayer.

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The following prayer is said.

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 Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share his glory;
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 says

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing as the president departs.

Organ Voluntary

Vivace (concerto in A minor) BWV 593 by Vivaldi, arr. J S Bach
(1685-1750)

Please take this order of service away with you.

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