

The Patronal Festival Sunday Eucharist of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Truro
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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Welcome to Truro Cathedral and this special service to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are very glad that you can be with us today for this service in which we remember and give thanks for the dedication of this cathedral church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In today's Eucharist we celebrate the life and significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom this Cathedral is dedicated.

Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament in bread and wine or simply in the bread alone. We encourage everyone to come to the altar rail or the nave station for a blessing if you do not wish to receive the sacrament. If you would prefer to come up for a blessing please take this book with you as a sign to the priest that you would prefer a blessing.

Notes on posture within this book are to be taken as suggestions and members of the congregation are free to sit or kneel at any time. Please make such decisions yourself.

Please join in the parts of the service marked in **bold type**. The number of the hymns can be found on the hymn boards that are hanging around the cathedral.

Most importantly, know that you are welcome here in this great cathedral, this sacred house of Almighty God, a place built to the glory of God for the worship of God.

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY EUCHARIST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Gathering

The congregation remains seated while the choir sings the Introit.

The congregation stands to sing the Opening Hymn.

During the hymn the choir and the ministers enter.

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**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites the people to confess their sins using these or other suitable words

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight
and chosen what displeased him.
Yet as a mother comforts her child,
so shall the Lord himself comfort us.
So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president says

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,

forgive you your sins

and make you holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The choir sings the Gloria in excelsis

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 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 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.

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

The president says or sings

Let us pray

and all remain standing for a period of silent prayer.

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

First Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Second Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 1.46-55

All turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it passes them in the procession.

The following or another suitable acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



The choir sings the Alleluia verse, and all respond

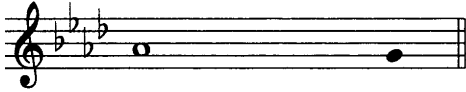
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The deacon says

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

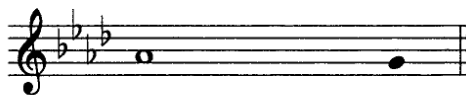


All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end the deacon says

The gospel finishes with these words

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

All remain standing while the Gospel procession returns.

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

Sermon

*At the end of the sermon all remain seated for a short time of reflection
on the sermon, standing when the president stands.*

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

Encouraged by our fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This (or another response) is used:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

All **Holy is your name.**

At the end of the prayers the president may say the following or another appropriate collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
your handmaid Mary magnified your name
and rejoiced in your saving love;
trusting in that same love,
we ask all these our prayers
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

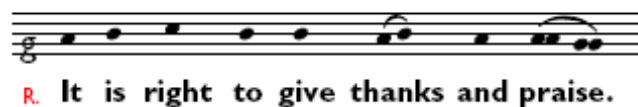
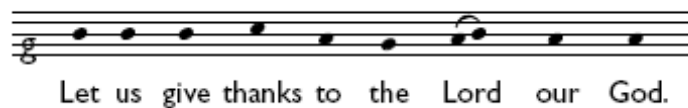
The Offertory hymn is sung during which the altar is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

The president says or sings



It is indeed right and good,
 our duty and our salvation,
 almighty Father, ever-living God,
 to give you thanks and praise
 for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
 she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
 At the cross she kept her vigil,
 and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection.
 She rejoiced in his resurrection,
 and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
 was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
 In her you show us the greatness of your love,
 and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children.
 Therefore we join our voice with hers,
 and all the company of heaven,
 as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

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

Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord God of hosts,
 heaven and earth are full
 of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee,
 O Lord most high.

Choir Benedictus qui venit
 in nomine Domini.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he that cometh
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing as the president 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.

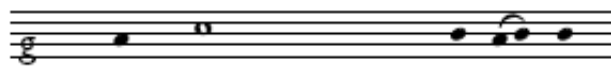
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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.

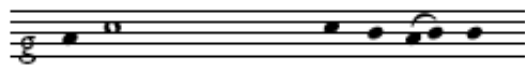
The deacon says or sings



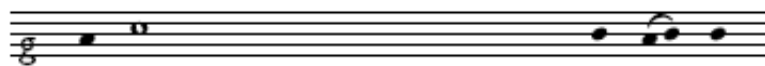
Accept through him, our great high priest,
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
 in the presence of your divine majesty,
 renew us by your Spirit,
 inspire us with your love
 and unite us in the body of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.



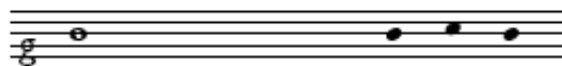
Through him, and with him, and in him,



in the unity of the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



with all who stand before you in earth and hea-ven,



we worship you, Father al-migh-ty,



in songs of ev-er-last-ing praise:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power



be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

All

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with Mary the Mother of Our Lord,
and with the whole company of heaven,
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 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.**

All sit. Please follow the direction of the Lay Assistants during the distribution of communion.

At the distribution the minister says

The body of Christ.

The blood of Christ.

The communicant replies each time Amen, and then receives.

During the distribution the following may be sung

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of
the world,
have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of
the world,
have mercy upon us.

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

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of
the world,
grant us thy peace.

Prayer after Communion

At the end of the distribution the president returns to the altar and says

Let us pray

Stand

The president says the Post Communion prayer

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following prayer is said

All You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
**and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The final hymn is sung.

The president says

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The president uses this or another suitable blessing

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

All **Amen.**

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All **Amen.**

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 deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The choir and ministers people process out whilst the organist plays the organ voluntary.

A prayer for private use before the service begins

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer of preparation before receiving communion

We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

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