

University Church

Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 5th July 2020

Welcome to this videocast from the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. We are delighted that you have joined us today. This Order of Service will guide you through the Holy Eucharist. The Revd Dr William Lamb, the Vicar, is presiding this morning, and our preacher is the Revd Alan Ramsey, Associate Priest.

INFORMATION ABOUT ST MARY'S

The University Church is a Christian church within the Church of England and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths, and those of little or no faith. If you are new and would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter about events and services at St Mary's, sign up at universitychurch.ox.ac.uk/content/keeping-touch.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the ministers enter

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

All Amen.

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome may be offered

**All 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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

President Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate these holy mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Please sit or kneel

**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.**

President 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 stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **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

President O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 7.15-25a

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Read by Maddy Jarvis.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by Julia Hollander and Peter McMullin*

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 11.16–19, 25–30*

President Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, ‘To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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

Led by Elisabeth Dutton

President In faith and hope, let us bring all our prayers before almighty God.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Please stand

President Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

President Let us greet each other in the peace of Christ.

All may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging their neighbours and saying 'Peace be with you!' Please refrain from any physical contact with people outside your household.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sung by the University Church Choir



I heard the voice of Jesus say: 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say: 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say: 'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune: KINGSFOLD, English folk song adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (NEH 376)

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
through your goodness we have these gifts to set before you;
bread from heaven, to sustain us in your steadfast love;
wine of the kingdom, the promise of mercies new every morning.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

Please stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President 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

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

President 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.**

President 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please sit or kneel

President 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, saying:

President 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.**

AGNUS DEI

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
 grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Behold 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.**

President The Body of Christ.

All Amen.

President The Blood of Christ.

All Amen.

ANTHEM

Beati quorum via - Stanford

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated

President Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

Please stand

President May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of 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.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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