



The Cathedral Eucharist



Ordinary Time

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted that you have been able to join us today.

*In this service, we say the words in **bold** together, and invite you to stand and sit as indicated. However, please stay seated if you prefer.*

If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them, and to use the toys and books provided.

*Today's hymns, readings, music, prayers, choir and preacher can be found on the daily service sheet. Please **HAND THIS BOOK IN** at the end.*

If you are joining this service from home, you are invited to prepare to light a candle in your home to reflect the lighting of the candles on the altar.

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The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed and the opening hymn introduced

Hymn

We STAND to sing the first hymn

The Greeting

The president says

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

We REMAIN STANDING. The deacon invites us to confession with these or other suitable words

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

After a short pause, they lead everyone in saying one of the following prayers

**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.**

(Or)

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president invokes the mercy of God with a prayer of Absolution using these or other authorised words:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We REMAIN STANDING. The choir sings the Gloria

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 be to God on high, and on 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, Jesus 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 introduces a time of silent prayer, after which they offer the Collect for the day

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

We SIT for the first reading. At the end, the reader introduces

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

We STAND. The Choir sings the Alleluias once, and then we repeat them.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



The choir sings the acclamation, and then we repeat the Alleluias.

The Gospel

We turn to face the deacon. The deacon introduces

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [N]
Glory to you, O Lord.

We hear the gospel reading. At the end the deacon says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A short organ improvisation may follow.

The Sermon

After a prayer of introduction from the preacher, we SIT for the sermon. After the sermon silence is kept for reflection.

The Creed or Affirmation of Faith

We STAND. The president introduces one of the following Creeds or affirmations of faith, which we say together

**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.**

(Or)

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

We SIT. One of the following responses, or other suitable words, may be used:

Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

(Or)

Lord hear us;
Lord graciously hear us.

At the end the following may be used

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We STAND. The president introduces the peace with these, or other suitable words

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.
**He breaks down the walls that divide us:
praise to Christ who is our peace.**

Ephesians 2.14

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone shares the Peace. You might like to think of someone you know and phone them after the service to share Christ's Peace with them.

The Offertory Hymn

During this hymn, the gifts of the people may be presented.

The Prayer of Preparation at the Table

The president uses these or other suitable words as they pray over the gifts.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president introduces

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(Or)

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts.

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The president recalls the Last Supper.

The deacon introduces one of these acclamations

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

(Or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

Amen.

(Or)

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

We SIT. Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in any language or version you feel comfortable with

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.

The Invitation to Communion

The president says

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

The Giving of Communion

The ministers and the people receive communion. During the distribution, motets, anthems or hymns may be sung. If you are joining us online, you might like to say this prayer of spiritual communion

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**

The Prayers after Communion

The president offers a prayer and then introduces one of the following

**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.**

(Or)

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

We STAND. The president gives the blessing using these or other authorised words

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

We REMAIN STANDING to sing the closing hymn

The Dismissal

We turn to face the cross and ministers. The deacon says

Go in peace to share the reconciling love of God.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Voluntary

A piece of organ music will conclude the service. Do stay and listen if you can!

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