

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

Choral Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Epiphany
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 24 January 2021
11.00am

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

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Setting

Missa brevis · Judith Bingham (Gloria from the Leighton Communion Service)

Voluntary

An Interlude · Harold Darke

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

All Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All and also with you.

The president welcomes the congregation and then introduces the Penitential Rite saying

In the presence of the God and Father of us all,
we meet together to give thanks for the spiritual
unity which is already ours as members of the
Body of Christ.

Let us firstly acknowledge our sin, that this unity so
marred by the sin of disunity may, by God's grace,
become a visible unity, so that the Church in every
place may demonstrate the healing power of the
gospel, and be an instrument of God's peace in the
life of the world.

There is one Body and one Spirit,
and one hope of our calling.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

There is one God and Father of us all,
above all and through all and in all.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God cleanse us from sin
and make us worthy of the kingdom of his glory.

All Amen.

Gloria

Sung by the choir.

*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

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.

All Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 14. 17–20

Read by Frédérique Behengaray, Rouen Cathedral.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 128

Sung by the choir.

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord :
and walk in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands :
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine :
upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive branches :
round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed :
that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee :
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy
life long.

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children :
and peace upon Israel.

Second Reading

Revelation 19. 6–10

Read by Karen Knudsen, Bergen Cathedral.

A reading from the book of the Revelation to St John.

I, John, heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed

with fine linen, bright and pure’—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

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

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2. 1–11

Read by The Revd Dag Magnus Hopstock Havgar, St Olav's Norwegian Church, Rotherhithe.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern

is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean

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

*Led by The Revd Canon Richard Hearn, St George's
Cathedral Southwark.*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant it that peace and unity which is according
to your will.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Anthem

Seek him that maketh the seven stars · Jonathan Dove

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of
his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.
Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all
peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.
And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

*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.*

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.**

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 Mary the Mother
of Jesus,
St Hugh, St George, St Olave 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

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.**

The choir sings Agnus Dei followed by the

Communion Anthem

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child · Kenneth Leighton

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might
be one, as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your
eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;
and as you have fed us with the one bread
of heaven,
so make us one in heart and mind,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of
the Father.

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 Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Epilogue · Herbert Howells

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