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◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CHORAL EUCHARIST & BENEDICTION

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THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025

5.30PM



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# CHORAL EUCHARIST & BENEDICTION

## PRESIDENT & PREACHER

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



## DEACON

The Rev'd Delorine Green, Interim Minister-in-Charge, St Hugh's



## CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir



## SETTING

Messe Solennelle  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)



## MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

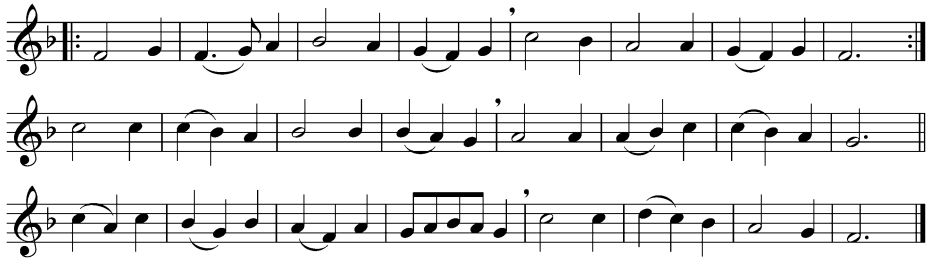
Le banquet céleste  
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Please stand as the Procession enters.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

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### NEH 271



Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

### TUNE: HYFRYDOL

Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)

### TEXT:

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

## THE GATHERING

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

**All**     **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All**     **and also with you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.*

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,  
revealed in Word and Sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**     **Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All**     **Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,  
the God of our salvation:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**     **Lord, have mercy.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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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 be seated when the President sits. The Choir sings:*

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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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 to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace  
and goodwill to his people.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you,  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty,

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
who takes away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us;  
You who takes away the sin of the  
world, receive our prayer.  
you who is seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are Holy,  
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 stand.*

## THE COLLECT

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Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All**      **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

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#### **1 Corinthians 11.23-26**

*Read by* **Philip Feakin**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*Please stand.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

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**John 6.51-58**

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.**

Jesus said to the crowds: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## HOMILY

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**Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor**

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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*Please remain seated or kneel.*

*The prayers are led by **Heather Boothe, Commissioned Pastoral Lay Minister.***

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people,  
gathered at your table.

In faith we pray:

**All we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body  
to be our spiritual food,  
listen as we pray for his body the Church,  
spread throughout the world ...

In faith we pray:

**All we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
listen as we pray for that world  
and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed ...

In faith we pray:

**All we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends  
to give us this meal of holy fellowship,  
listen as we pray for all whom you have given us,  
our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours ...

In faith we pray:

**All we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial,  
listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings  
through fear or pain or distress of many kinds ...

In faith we pray:

**All we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven,  
listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise  
to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and drink his blood ...

In faith we pray:

**All we pray to you our God.**

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

**All Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

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We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may offer one another a sign of peace. During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar.*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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### NEH 307



Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Hid in thine earthly home,  
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home for every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease  
And sorrows all depart;  
There in thine ear all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery:  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
Thy Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.

**TUNE: DIVINE MYSTERIES**

Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

**TEXT:**

Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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Blessèd 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.

**All**     **Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd 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.

**All**     **Blessèd be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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**All**     The Lord be with you  
          **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 indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our great high priest.

He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,  
the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.  
At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,  
he left this memorial of his passion  
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.  
In this great sacrament you feed your people  
and strengthen them in holiness,  
so that through out the world the human family  
may be enlightened by one faith  
and drawn together in one communion of love.  
We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet  
to be transformed by your grace  
and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

*The Choir sings:*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of Sabaoth.  
Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The President continues:*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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

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Jesus taught us to ask for our daily bread  
and so in faith and trust we pray.

*Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.*

<b>All</b>	<b>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.</b>	Baba wa... Notre Père... 天におられる私たちの父よ... Nna anyi... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... Отче наш... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... اے ہمارے باپ
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## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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

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Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessèd 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.**

*Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.*

*Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to draw near for a blessing.*

*During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:*

## **AGNUS DEI**

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin  
of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin  
of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin  
of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*Followed by:*

## **THE COMMUNION ANTHEM**

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### **O salutaris hostia • Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)**

O salutaris hostia,  
quae coeli pandis ostium,  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur fer auxilium,  
uni trinoque Domino  
sit sempiterna Gloria  
qui vitam sine termino,  
Nobis donet in patria.

O saving victim,  
who opens wide the gates of heaven:  
our foes press on to war,  
give us strength when we ask for help.  
One God in Three,  
in everlasting glory,  
who lives forever,  
grant us our true home.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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*Please remain seated or kneel.*

**All** You gave them bread from heaven,  
**containing in itself all sweetness.**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,  
we may grow together in unity  
and feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

*The priest gives a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament. Please remain seated or kneeling to sing the Hymn as the Sacrament is processed back to the Tabernacle.*

## THE FINAL HYMN

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### NEH 305



Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.  
Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.  
Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high  
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

**TUNE: ANIMA CHRISTI**  
William Maher (1823-1877)

**TEXT:**  
Latin, 14<sup>th</sup> century

*Please stand.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **VOLUNTARY**

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**Fugue 'Ite missa est' from Choral et Fugue, Op. 57 • Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)**

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# SOUTHWARK

## ◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**making space for love**  
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you 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 ('over-the-river'). 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.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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