



The Cathedral Church of
SAINT PETER *and*
THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY
Gloucester

The Holy Eucharist

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 24 August 2025
10.15 a.m.
The Nave

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Welcome

A very warm welcome to Gloucester Cathedral, whether you are joining us on site or online. All you need for the service is included in this booklet and you are invited to join in the words printed in **bold**. When the congregation is invited to stand, please feel free to remain seated if this is more comfortable for you. Families and children are warmly welcome. Please feel able to move around in the North or South Aisle if you need to. An easy access toilet and changing facilities are available in the Cloister.

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The musical setting of the Eucharist is
COMMUNION IN B FLAT AND F BY CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD 1852-1924
Sung by Poscimur

The president is The Director of Mission and Ministry
The Reverend Canon Dr Sandra Millar

The preacher is The City Rector
The Reverend Canon Nikki Arthur

About the Eucharist

The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’, is perhaps the most important act of worship for Christians because it recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus, fulfilling his command at the Last Supper to remember him. Outwardly, the Eucharist takes the form of sharing bread and wine; inwardly, Christ is made present to us in a special way and we are given a taste of the heavenly banquet, which God has prepared for those who love him.

Today’s service has four important elements. Firstly, the **GATHERING** draws the community together in the name of the Trinity, reminding us of our true identity as children of God. We then recall our failings in the *Prayers of Penitence*; this is an important part of our efforts to become more Christlike. We always do this in the certain knowledge that God forgives our sins, and this is made plain in the words of the absolution, given by the president. The *Gloria in excelsis*, a hymn of praise addressed to God, follows as a joyful response to God’s mercy. The *Collect* brings this part of the service to a close, drawing everyone together in a special prayer, said in all churches across the world.

The **LITURGY OF THE WORD** invites us to engage with the words of Scripture and consider what they might mean in our own lives. The *Gospel Reading* is the high point of this part of the service, for in these words we hear of the life of Jesus. A *sermon* follows, which aims to assist us in our application of God’s Word. The *Prayers of Intercession* then give us an opportunity to bring our concerns to God in the certain knowledge that God hears and answers prayer.

The **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** begins with the *Peace*. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that before we offer our gifts at the altar, we should be reconciled to one another, because the Eucharist is the meal which unites the Church. Then the altar is prepared for the *Eucharistic Prayer*, which is a thanksgiving for all that God has done in creation. The president then recalls the Last Supper, using the words of Jesus himself, thereby consecrating or making special the bread and wine. The congregation comes forward to receive communion or a blessing, which is followed by a prayer of thanksgiving.

The **CONCLUSION** brings the whole service to a close with a *blessing* and *dismissal*, reminding us that God is with us always and sends us out into the world so that others may come to know his love too.

¶ *The Gathering*

At 10.15 a.m., the congregation stands to sing the processional hymn



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely yet his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.**

*Words, Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847, based on Psalm 103
Tune, PRAISE MY SOUL; John Goss 1800-1880*

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

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The president gives a welcome and introduces the service.

Prayers of Preparation

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

The deacon says

As we prepare to celebrate
the presence of Christ in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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.**

The president says

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings

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 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, 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 period of silent prayer with the bidding

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.**

The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

New Testament Reading

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

12:18-end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing



**We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.**

**The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.**

**But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.**

**Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.**

**So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends:
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.**

**Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.**

*Words, John Bell 1949- and Graham Maule 1958-
Tune, GONFALON ROYAL; P. C. Buck 1871-1947*

Gospel Reading

The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat



When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says

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



Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'

But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

13.10-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The congregation sits.

The Creed

The congregation stands and the president says

Let us declare our faith in God.

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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

The president says

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

The congregation sits.

After each prayer, the response is used

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

At the end, the president says

Merciful Father

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The congregation stands.

The president introduces the Peace

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19

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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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As the altar is prepared, the congregation remains standing to sing the offertory hymn



1. 'Come to me', says Jesus,
 'all who are distressed;
take my yoke upon you,
 I will give you rest.
2. I am meek and humble,
 find, with me, release
from false airs and graces;
 come, and be at peace.'
3. Hear the call of Jesus,
 come, be deeply blessed;
his the invitation,
 you the honoured guest.
4. Here, where bread is broken,
 here, where wine is poured,
thankfully receive him,
 find your faith restored.
5. Pardon, feed and heal us,
 humble, courteous Lord,
gracious host, for ever
 honoured and adored.

*Words, Alan Gaunt 1935-
Tune, PASTOR PASTORUM; Philipp Friedrich Silcher 1789-1860*

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 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President *All*
The Lord be with you and also with you.

President *All*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

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

Blessed is he that cometh 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:



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,
Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga, 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.



The congregation sits.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,
each in our own language

<i>All</i> Our Father,	Notre Père...
who art in heaven,	
hallowed be thy name;	Vater Unser...
thy kingdom come;	
thy will be done;	Onze Vader...
on earth as it is in heaven.	
Give us this day our daily bread.	Padre Nuestro...
And forgive us our trespasses,	
as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Ojcze Nasz...
And lead us not into temptation;	
but deliver us from evil.	Baba Yetu...
For thine is the kingdom,	
the power and the glory,	E to matou Matua...
for ever and ever.	
Amen.	Ein Tad...

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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 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 the Angus Dei

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

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

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

In the Cathedral, the president and people receive Communion.

If it is your custom to receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so today. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you so that we may know how to minister to you.

Communion is offered in both bread and wine, though you may wish to receive the bread only. For hygiene reasons, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is prohibited.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the ministers.

Those watching the live stream may wish to use this prayer

Lord Jesus, you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread,
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul:
since I cannot at this moment receive Communion,
come at least spiritually into my heart;
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you,
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

The choir sings the Communion motet

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.

Te trina Deitas
unaque poscimus:
Sic nos tu visita,
sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas
duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.
Amen.

*Thus Angels' Bread is made
the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.*

*Thee, therefore, we implore, O Godhead,
One in Three,
so may Thou visit us
as we now worship Thee;
and lead us on Thy way,
That we at last may see
the light wherein Thou dwellest aye.
Amen.*

*Words, attributed to St Thomas Aquinas
Music, Cesar Franck 1822-1890*

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

¶ *The Dismissal*

The congregation stands to sing



Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

Words, John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-1892

Tune, BISHOPTHORPE; from select portions of the Psalms c.1786

The Blessing

The president says

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.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.

Christian Stewardship

**‘All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.’**



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Notices

Crafts that Built the Cathedral

Discover the skills that built Gloucester Cathedral with our exhibition and hands-on workshops

Crafts that Built the Cathedral celebrates the heritage skills behind Gloucester Cathedral. Throughout 2025, participants have been taking part in specialist workshops led by experts in the field. These include: stone carving, monument lettering, painting and stained glass. In partnership with the NHS, we have been offering specialist workshops supporting mindfulness and wellbeing for patients and staff. Some of the artwork created is featured in the summer exhibition, giving participants the chance to display their work. We invite you to discover the exhibition located in the Cloister and Lady Chapel and learn about the many hands and creative minds who have worked together to create this magnificent building that, even after several centuries, still amazes visitors from near and far.

There are more workshops still to come! If you would like to take part in a workshop, visit the website: <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whatson/crafts-that-built-the-cathedral-1>

Prayers for Peace and Justice
Tuesday 2 September, 12.00 noon, the Lady Chapel

Prayers for Peace and Justice are offered for about 20 minutes on the first Tuesday of each month in person in the Cathedral and online using Zoom. You are warmly invited to join these prayers and contribute your own prayers, silently or spoken, in the Chapel or online, about peace and justice issues locally, nationally or internationally. If you wish to speak, please let the leader know before the prayers begin so that the microphone can be made available to you at the appropriate time. If you would like to join via Zoom, please email the Cathedral Reception to request the Zoom link: reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

On Tuesday 2 September, we will continue to offer prayers for the restoration of a lasting and just peace to the many areas of conflict. We will also offer prayers for all aspects of God's creation as Creationtide starts on 1 September and runs until 4 October. If you are not able to attend Prayers for Peace and Justice in person or online, your concerns about social justice, locally, nationally or internationally can nonetheless be covered in the prayers by emailing Canon Rebecca on: clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Please note: *Due to potential disruption from rebuilding work to on the Cathedral Organ, Prayers for Peace and Justice will be temporary taking place in the Lady Chapel from Tuesday 2 September, until the work is complete.*

Cathedral Community Coffee Morning
Wednesday 3 September, 10.30am – 11.30am, The Monk's Kitchen

Join us for coffee and a friendly chat in the Monk's Kitchen. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376 or email congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk for more information.

Cathedral Book Club
Monday 8 September 2025, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, The Laud Room

The Cathedral book club meets on the second Monday of each month in the **Parliament Room** (new venue!). In September we will be discussing *Dead Water* by Ann Cleeves. All newcomers are welcome.

Sip and Study: Cathedral Community Lectio Group
Tuesday 9 September 2025, 2.30pm, Prinknash Abbey

The Cathedral's Sip and Study group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Prinknash Abbey, following the ancient process of Lectio Divina to reflect on a passage of Scripture. Anyone is welcome to come along; you don't need prior experience as we learn the process through experiencing it. Lectio begins at 2.30 p.m. and finishes at 3.45 p.m. but we arrive any time from 1.00 p.m. for lunch or coffee and cake together in the café. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376, or congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

The Worldwide Church: Past, Present and Future
Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 2.30pm
Little Malvern Priory, Little Malvern, WR14 4JN

The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer will share his views on the opportunities and challenges facing the church worldwide now and in the future. He will set these in the context of the development of the global Anglican Communion since the Reformation and will draw on his extensive experience of working with churches in many parts of the world.

Stephen Spencer is Director of Theology and Implementation at the London office of the Anglican Communion, which has tens of millions of members in 165 countries. His work has involved visiting every continent apart from Antarctica. Since studying theology at Oxford University, he has been a parish priest in England and Zimbabwe and Vice Principal at St Hild College in West Yorkshire. He has published books on Archbishop William Temple and study guides on Anglicanism, Christian mission and Church history.

Free admission. Contact Alison Hunka for more information: 07763 464305, alisonhunka1885@aol.com



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