

GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

The Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 5 July 2026
10.15 a.m.
The Nave

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Welcome

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral. There has been a place of worship on this site for over 1,300 years. Today, we join with the generations of people who have gone before us and with the whole company of heaven in the worship of God.

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.

If you are new and would like to discover more about congregational life, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy at the end of the service. There is also information about being part of the cathedral congregation on the website. You can contact the Cathedral clergy by emailing: clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk



The musical setting of the Eucharist is
PLAINSONG, TONE XI

The president is the Dean
The Very Reverend Andrew Zihni

The preacher is the Director of Mission and Ministry
The Reverend Canon Sandra Millar

¶ *The Gathering*

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



1. **This is the day the Lord has made,
he calls the hours his own:
let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**
2. **Today he rose and left the dead,
and Satan's empire fell;
today the saints his triumphs spread,
and all his wonders tell.**
3. **Hosanna to the anointed King,
to David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
salvation from your throne.**
4. **Blessed be the Lord, who freely came
to save our sinful race;
he comes, in God his Father's name,
with words of truth and grace.**
5. **Hosanna in the highest strains
the church on earth can raise!
The highest heaven in which he reigns
shall give him nobler praise.**

Words, Isaac Watts 1674-1748

*Tune, BISHOPTHORPE; from *Select Portions of the Psalms* c.1786*

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.**

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 cantor sings

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 in earth peace,
goodwill to all people.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you
for your great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us,
who takes away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
who sits at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.*

*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

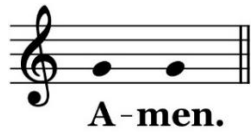
The president introduces a period of silent prayer, singing

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and
sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

20.7-13

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing



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| <p>1. All ye who seek for sure relief
in trouble and distress,
whatever sorrow vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress;</p> <p>2. Jesus, who gave himself for you
upon the cross to die,
opens to you his sacred heart:
O to that heart draw nigh.</p> | <p>3. Ye hear how kindly he invites;
ye hear his words so blest:
'All ye that labour come to me,
and I will give you rest.'</p> <p>4. O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
thou hope of sinners here,
attracted by those loving words
to thee we lift our prayer.</p> <p>5. Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood
which from thy heart doth flow;
a new and contrite heart on all
who cry to thee bestow.</p> |
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Words, Latin, 18th century tr. Edward Caswall 1814-78
Tune, ST BERNARD; adapted from a melody in Tochter Sion, Cologne 1741

Gospel Reading

The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat

A - lle - lu - ia, A - lle - lu - ia, A - lle - lu - ia.

Speak, Lord, for your ser - vant is listen - ing.

You have the words of et - er - nal life.

A - lle - lu - ia, A - lle - lu - ia, A - lle - lu - ia.

When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says

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



‘But 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.”

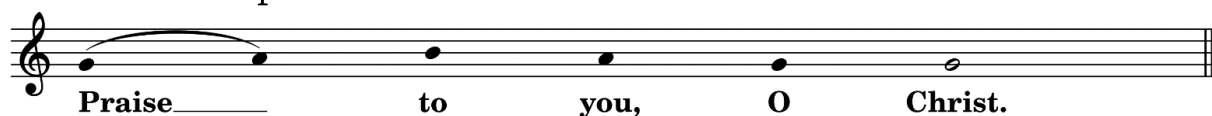
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

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. ²⁹Take 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.’

11.16-19, 25-end

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 congregation sits.

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 of compassion

All **in your mercy, hear us.**

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

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

cf Colossians 3.15

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

As the altar is prepared, the congregation stands to sing



**Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace –
thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.**

**Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and done;
the bread and wine remove, but thou art here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.**

**Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

*Words, Horatius N. Bonar 1808-89
Tune, ELLERS; E. J. Hopkins 1818-1901*

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

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 cantor sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of power and might,</i>
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come — a - gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power



be yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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.	Ojcie 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

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 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 cantor sings the Agnus Dei

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,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

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

*O Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

The cantor sings the Communion motet

O quam suavis est, Domine, spiritus tuus,
qui ut dulcedinem tuam in filios demonstrares
pane suavissimo de caelo praestito,
esurientes reple bonis,
fastidiosos divites dimittens inanes.

*O how sweet, O Lord, is thy spirit,
who, to show thy tenderness to thy children,
feed them with thy sweetest bread from heaven,
feeding the hungry with good things,
and sending the disdainful rich away empty.*

*Words, by St. Thomas Aquinas 1225?-1274
Music, George Jeffreys 1610-85*

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
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



**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**

**King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
the world of time to consecrate,
the world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**

**We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

*Words, James Quinn SJ 1919-2010
Tune, DUKE STREET; melody attributed to John L. Hatton d.1793
from Boyd's Psalm and Hymn Tunes 1793*

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,
+ Father, Son and 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.

The organist plays

Hymne d'actions de grâces (Te Deum)

Jean Langlais 1907-1991

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Notices

The Reverend Canon Richard Mitchell R.I.P.

We are very sorry indeed to share with you the sad news that Canon Richard Mitchell passed away last week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We keep Richard in our prayers, as well as Lucie and their family at this very sad time.

Canon Richard had a wonderful ministry here at the Cathedral as Canon Precentor and Director of Congregational Development, and before that in the parishes of Shurdington and Badgeworth in this diocese. He was very much loved and will be deeply missed he will be by all who knew him.

Canon Richard's funeral will take place on Thursday 9 July at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hemingbrough. The family have requested that, instead of condolence cards, donations are invited towards the Gloucester Cathedral Organ Academy Fund. For further details, please contact the Development Office development@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Thank you from the Cathedral Curate

Debbie would like to thank everyone who was involved in her first Eucharist last Sunday or came to support her. Several of her guests commented very positively on the welcome they received – thank you!

Dedication of the Grand Organ

Sunday 5 July, 3.00 p.m.

Our wonderful new organ is very nearly complete. Join us at this special Evensong to hear it in full voice as Bishop Rachel dedicates it to the glory of God.

Prayers for Peace and Justice

Tuesday 7 July, 12.00 noon, Lady Chapel and WhatsApp

Twenty minutes of spoken and silent prayer for issues of peace and justice. The principal focus will be justice for all humanity everywhere as World Day of International Justice falls on Friday 17 July. To join using WhatsApp email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk with your mobile phone number and, to submit a prayer, email clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Book Club

Monday 13 July, 2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., Laud Room

This month we will meet for a discussion of *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan.

Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group

Tuesday 14 July, 2.30 p.m.–3.45 p.m., Prinknash Abbey

Join our monthly gathering using Lectio Divina to reflect on Scripture. Arrive any time from 1.00 p.m. for lunch, coffee or cake. No previous experience needed. Contact Dorothy Marshall congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Opening Organ Recital given by Wayne Marshall

Saturday 18 July, 7.00 p.m.

We are honoured to welcome the internationally acclaimed conductor, organist and pianist Wayne Marshall OBE to Gloucester Cathedral for a special recital marking the unveiling of the Cathedral's magnificent new organ. Renowned worldwide for his virtuosity, versatility and electrifying musicianship, Wayne brings a global reputation and exceptional artistry to this landmark moment in the Cathedral's musical life. Tickets are selling fast: <https://gloucestercathedral.artsvp.com/9d272c>

Memorial Service for Jean Margaret Griffiths

Tuesday 21st July, 2.00 p.m., St John's Church, Churchdown GL3 2DB

All are welcome at this Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret, after which her ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance alongside those of her beloved late husband, Harold. Following the service, all are invited to light refreshments in the Small Hall. Gloucester Cathedral held a very special place in Margaret's heart. In accordance with her wishes, the family ask that you consider making a donation to the Cathedral: <https://www.abwalker.co.uk/funeral/jeanmargaretgriffiths1>

Cathedral Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 5 August, 10.30–11.30 a.m., Monk's Kitchen

All welcome for coffee and friendly conversation. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376 or congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

