

GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Family Eucharist

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 4 October 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
ST ANNE’S MASS by James MacMillan

The president is the Precentor
The Reverend Canon Craig Huxley-Jones

The preacher is the Canon Missioner
The Reverend Canon Dr Sandra Millar

¶ *The Gathering*

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



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| <p>1. Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
 on his great love
 our hopes we place
 of present grace
 and joys above.</p> <p>2. O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
 and thus proclaim
 in joyful song,
 both loud and long,
 that glorious name.</p> | <p>3. Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
 in copious shower
 on all who pray
 each holy day
 thy blessings pour.</p> <p>4. Here may we gain from heaven,
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
 until that day
 when all the blest
 to endless rest
 are called away.</p> |
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*Words, Latin before 9th century
tr. John Chandler 1806-1876
Tune, HAREWOOD; S. S. Wesley 1810-1876*

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

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

All **Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

Brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate,
let us call to mind our sins.

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Christ, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president says

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
✚ forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The congregation and choir sing

Cantor *All*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo-ri - fy_ you,

We give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,

O God, al-migh - ty Fa - ther. Lord_ Je - sus_ Christ,

On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

you take a - way the sins_ of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take a - way the sins_ of the world, re - ceive our_ prayer;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

for_ you a - lone are the_ Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus_ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Isaiah 5 1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing

From heaven you came, help-less babe, en-tered our world, your
glo - ry veiled; not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live. This is our
God, the Ser - vant King, he calls us
now to fol-low him, to bring our lives as a dai-ly of-fer -
ing of wor-ship to the Ser-vant King.

Refrain

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

*Words, Graham Kendrick 1950-
Tune, SERVANT KING; Graham Kendrick 1950-*

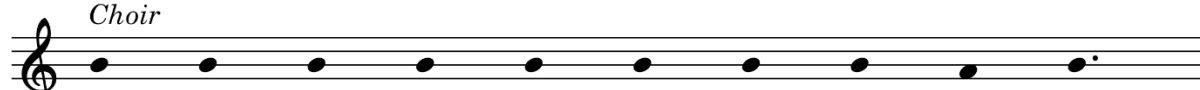
Gospel Reading

The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat

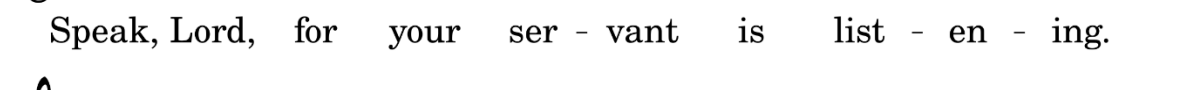


A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia.

Choir

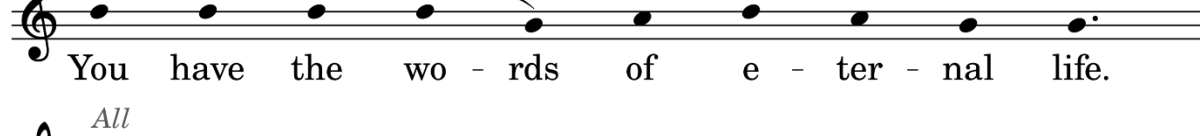


Speak, Lord, for your ser - vant is list - en - ing.



You have the wo - rds of e - ter - nal life.

All



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.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you
and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.
The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will
crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they
realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him,
but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

21.33-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The congregation sits.

The Affirmation of Faith

The congregation stands and the president says

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God,
who loves us and listens when we pray.

Loving God, we pray for your Church throughout the world.
Help us to welcome everyone, to care for one another,
and to share the love of Jesus in all that we do.



Loving God, we pray for our world.
We pray for places where there is war, hunger or fear.
Help those who work for peace,
and teach us to care for your wonderful creation.



Loving God, we pray for everyone who is ill, worried, lonely or sad.
Be close to them, give them comfort and hope,
and bless all those who care for them.



Loving God, we remember those we love who have died.
Thank you for their lives and for the love we shared with them.
Keep them in your everlasting love, and comfort all who miss them.



¶ *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

All 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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

As the altar is prepared, the choir sings

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children-
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Words, Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024

Music, Sarah Quartel 1982-

Taking of the Bread and Wine

When the altar is prepared, the president says

With this bread that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood,

gifts from God to his table we bring.

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the President and All, with the President part starting on a higher note than the All part. The second staff is for the President and All, with the President part starting on a higher note than the All part. The third staff is for the President and All, with the President part starting on a higher note than the All part. The fourth staff is for the All, with the President part starting on a higher note than the All part.

President *All*
The__ Lord be__ with__ you **and__ al - so 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, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

The choir and congregation sing

Organ

Ho - ly,
ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of hosts, God of hosts
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son;

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:



Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,**
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

The choir and congregation sing the Agnus Dei

Organ



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy_ on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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.

*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.*

Words, St. Thomas Aquinas
Music, César Franck 1822-1890

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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



**Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?**

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

*Words, James E. Seddon 1915-1983
Tune, WOODLANDS; Walter Greatorex 1877-1949*

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 organist plays

Creation Dance (2016)

Neil Cox b.1955

The congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.

Notices

Farewell Canon Rebecca!

Next Sunday, 11 October, Canon Rebecca will preside and preach at the Eucharist for the last time as Canon Chancellor. All are warmly invited to the service and drinks afterwards so that we can say thank you as she prepares to take up a new role as Canon Precentor and Sacrist at Winchester Cathedral.

You can contribute to a leaving collection by making a transfer to the Cathedral's account: sort code: 30-93-48, account number: 00175586, ref: Canon Rebecca.

Cathedral Placement: The Reverend Jacqueline Henson

From next week we will be welcoming The Reverend Jacqueline Henson on a ministerial placement at the cathedral. Jacqueline is Team Vicar in the North Cheltenham Team Ministry, with particular responsibility for St Lawrence, Swindon Villag and St Mary Magdalene, Elmstone Hardwicke. She will be joining us for two days a week and one Sunday a month to broaden her ministerial experience.

Prayers for Peace and Justice

Tuesday 6 October, 12.00 noon, Lady Chapel and WhatsApp

Twenty minutes of spoken and silent prayer for issues of peace and justice. The principal focus in October will be on homelessness and poverty as Homelessness Sunday and Church Action on Poverty Sunday fall respectively on Sunday 5 and Sunday 19 October. If you cannot join in person in the Lady Chapel, to join using WhatsApp please email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk with your mobile phone number. To submit a prayer, email clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7 October, 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

The Big Concert with La Serenissima

Friday 9 October, 7.00 p.m., in the cathedral

Join the celebrated Baroque group *La Serenissima* for the blockbuster musical entertainment of the Baroque era: a thrilling contest between a small solo group and the full ensemble, full of swagger, surprise and dazzling energy. Proceeds in aid of The King's School Chorister Bursary Fund. Tickets: <https://laserenissima.co.uk/event/09102026/>

Cathedral Book Club

Monday 12 October, 2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., Laud Room

This month we will meet for a discussion of *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams.

Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group

Tuesday 13 October, 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

Safeguarding Sunday: Love in Action

Sunday 22 November

This year we will be reflecting on how we can be a community of love in action, where all who come here can feel safe and protected. Following the 10.15 a.m. Eucharist there will be a Congregational Forum so that we can share conversations about how we continue to shape our safeguarding culture.

Advent Group

*In person: Sunday 29 November and 6, 13 December following the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist
Online: Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 December*

This year's Advent Group will take place during the first three weeks of Advent. Further details to follow, but please note the dates.