CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

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Cathedral Curate

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The Reverend Manuela Schmucki
Cathedral Curate

‘Surely the Lord is in this place…
This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.’
Genesis 28.16, 17

As we gather before the service begins, we invite you to keep some quiet and stillness to acknowledge that we are on holy ground, and to prepare to worship God.

10.30am
Sunday 12 November 2023
Remembrance Sunday | The Third Sunday before Advent
Visitors are requested to note that the use of all audio and visual equipment is not permitted during worship. Your cooperation is appreciated.

There is a hearing loop system built into the sound system in the Grand Hall of St Martins House.

**Sharing the common cup:** If you wish to receive the wine at Communion, please drink from the chalice – do not dip your wafer. If you wish, you may receive the bread only – this is fully receiving Christ. Gluten free wafers will be available in the centre.

**Toilets** are available on the same level as the Grand Hall. Please ask one of the wardens at the door to direct you.

When prompted to stand, please only do so if you feel able.

The music at this service is sung by the Boys and Junior Girls of the Cathedral Choir. The Mass setting is Mass for Trebles by Keith Roberts (b.1971).

The trumpet is played by Gary Perrin.

On this Remembrance Sunday we remember those who have died in the conflicts of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries across the world. We are very mindful of those presently working to keep peace and their families, and we pray for the greater peace of God’s world.

In response to requests from the congregation and in keeping with the Service from previous years, we are keeping the traditional Act of Remembrance as close to 11.00am as we can make it.
As the Ministers and Choir enter, all stand to sing

O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
aflame with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

**King’s Lynn (AM582)**
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874–1936)
All remain standing for

**The Greeting**

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?  

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Micah 6.8*

**The President welcomes the Congregation and continues**

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work  
in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all  
who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives,  
in world wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

**The Deacon says**

But first, we acknowledge before God that we and all humanity have fallen short of his glory.

**A short silence is kept.**
The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class,
**Father, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own,
**Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,
**Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
**Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee,
**Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
**Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
**Father, forgive.**

_Coventry Liturgy of Reconciliation_

_All remain standing. The President pronounces_

**The Absolution**

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given you
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forbid you your sins,
open your eyes to God’s truth,
strengthen you to do God’s will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**
All sing

Gloria in excelsis

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father’s Son:
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world’s true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father’s throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
in the Father’s glory, all the praise be yours!

CUDDESDON (AM415)
William Harold Ferguson (1874–1950)

The President leads

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.
A reading from the Prophecy of Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All sit for

The First Reading
Amos 5.18–24
Read by David Dewdney

All stand to sing

Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle-flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
Give thanks for strong – yet tender – hands held out in trust and blessing.  
Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith in touch with those around you.  
Put peace into each other’s hands: the Peace that sought and found you.

ST COLUMBA (ERIN) (AM566)  
Petrie Collection of the Ancient Music of Ireland, 1855  
harmonised by Compilers of Church of Ireland Church Hymnal, 1874

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

All sit for

The Second Reading  
1 Thessalonians 4.13–end  
Read by Jenny Moore

A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.
All stand for

The Gospel Acclamation

which is first sung by the Choir, then by the Congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;
to him be glory and power for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All remain standing for

The Gospel Reading
Matthew 25.1–13

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready
went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

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*All sit for*

**The Sermon**

The Revd Manuela Schmucki, Cathedral Curate

*All remain seated. The Choir sings*

**The Anthem**

Never weather-beaten sail

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim’s limbs affected slumber more,
than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven’s high Paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

*Thomas Campion (1567–1620)*
Please stand. The President leads

The Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

The Last Post
The Silence
The Reveille

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President introduces

The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Father, through the Son,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All sit. Marian Kandi leads the prayers. This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.
All stand. The President leads

The Peace

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

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

cf John 14.27

All remain standing to sing

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Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief and pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.
Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then you shall better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears. Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be for ever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgotten, love’s pure joy restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

FINLANDIA (AM594)
Original arrangement from the symphonic poem Finlandia by Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

Stille meine Wille, dein Jesus hilft siegen
Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697–after 1768)
translated by Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813–1897)

All remain standing. The President leads

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen.

All remain standing. The President leads

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, out duty and our joy
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

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

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.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

*Deacon*  
Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:**
**Christ is risen:**
**Christ will come again.**

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 *[N 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.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

*All remain standing. The President introduces*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Jesus taught his disciples how to pray.
Together, in our many voices, we use the prayer he gave.
Today, Sebastian will lead us in Polish.
Let us join in, praying in the language that is closest to our hearts.
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Notre Père... Baba wa... 我們在天上的父... Nna Anyi... Ojce Nasz... Vater unser... Ein Tad... Wo tye... Baba mu... أبانا... Padre nuestro... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... Отец наш... Pater noster...

All remain standing for

The Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The President leads

The 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. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.
All sit. If you normally receive Communion in your church you are welcome to receive here. We share the wine as well as the bread at Communion. Please do not dip the wafer in the wine. You are most welcome to receive only the bread if you do not wish to drink from the common cup. Please go to the Communion station as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your head bowed. If you need to receive Communion in your seat please ask a steward and this will be arranged. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the centre.

**During Communion, the Choir sings**

**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, 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 peace.

All remain seated for

**The Prayer after Communion**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.

Amen.

All remain seated for

**The Notices**
All stand to sing

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Melody and bass from
A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms, 1708
probably by William Croft (1678–1727)
All remain standing. The President leads

The Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to the way of peace, love and life as disciples of Christ.

Teach us the way of peace,
not a peace that is frail and feeble
but a peace that is strong and firm and brave,
a healing of wounds, a facing of truth,
a building of new understanding,
and generous always.
We choose the way of peace.

Teach us the way of love,
not a love that is blind and foolish
but a love that is deep and true and wise,
an opening of hearts, a joining of hands,
a valuing people as precious,
and generous always.
We choose the way of love.

Teach us the way of life,
not a life that is mean and narrow
but a life that is rich and full and free,
a finding of strength, a sharing of wealth,
a reaching for joy at its fullest
and generous always.
We choose the way of life.

Sue Gilmurray – adapted

All remain standing for

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God’s servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.
All remain standing to sing

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.

NATIONAL ANTHEM (AM578)  
Anonymous (c. 1745)
Thesaurus Musicus (c.1743)

All remain standing. The Deacon leads

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing whilst the Procession leaves the building.

During the Procession the Organist plays the following Voluntary:

Elegy  
Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

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