The Eucharist
Lent 2
08 March 2020
10.15
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❖ A very warm welcome to Bradford Cathedral for this service, particularly if you are visiting or with us for the first time. We hope you will stay and enjoy refreshments with us after the service, which will be served at the West End of the Cathedral.

❖ Please join in with saying or singing the words in bold type in this order of service and sit or stand as directed if you are able. Large print copies are available from the stewards at the main door.

❖ Children’s Space takes place in the Parish Room. Please take your child to the Children’s area by the north door during the first hymn. They return and sit together during the administration of Communion.

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❖ Lavatories, including disabled facilities, are available towards the back of church.

❖ In the event of an emergency, please remain calm and seated. Stewards will direct you out of the Cathedral.

❖ The Cathedral Choir leads our worship. The musical setting is the Communion Service in E by the English composer Harold Darke (1888-1976).

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Welcome and notices
The Reverend Canon Paul Maybury, Canon Precentor

We stand

Silence

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

Amen.

Hymn

Children leave for Children’s Space

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error’s ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
We sit

Prayers of Penitence

Hear us O Lord have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Choir O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial cleanse Thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Hear us O Lord have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Silence

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

Choir Kyrie Eleison, Lord, have mercy.
Christe Eleison Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.
Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
for give 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.

Prayer of the day
The president introduces a period of silent prayer
Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We sit
New Testament Reading Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 read by Stephen Gant

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes / to the / hills;
   from / where is / my / help to / come?

2 My help comes / from the / Lord,
   the / maker / of / heaven / and / earth.

3 He will not suffer your / foot to / stumble;
   he who watches / over / you / will not / sleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch / o-ver / Israel
   Shall / neither / slumber / nor / sleep.

5 The Lord himself / watch-es / over you;
   the Lord is your / shade at / your / right -- / hand,

6 So that the sun shall not / strike you / by / day,
   Nei- / ther the / moon by / night.

7 The Lord shall keep you from / all -- / evil;
   it is / he who / shall / keep your / soul.

8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your / com-ing / in,
   from this time / forth for / e-ver- / more.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.’ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

After an opening prayer, we sit

Sermon

The Very Reverend Jerry Lepine, Dean of Bradford

Silence

We stand
The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession  led by Nora Whitham

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

After each section this, or another, response is 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.
We stand

**Giving and Receiving Peace**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.  

*Romans 5.1, 2*

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

**We offer one another a sign of God’s peace**

**Hymn**

*During this hymn a collection is taken*  
*The gifts of the people are presented, and the Table is set with bread and wine*

**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:**  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:  
*This is my story, this is my song,*  
praising my Saviour, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest –  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

*Words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)*  
*Tune: BLESSED ASSURANCE; Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908); CP 390*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**
It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

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:

**Choir**

*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. Amen.*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.
Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, 
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, 
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, 
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, 
in remembrance of his death and passion, 
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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, Lord and heavenly Father, 
in remembrance of the precious death and passion, 
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension 
of your dear Son Jesus Christ, 
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise 
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, 
and through faith in his blood, 
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins 
and all other benefits of his passion. 
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, 
to offer you any sacrifice, 
yet we pray that you will accept this 
the duty and service that we owe. 
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

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.

Amen.

We sit or kneel

Silence

The Lord’s Prayer

Trust in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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.

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.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.
Prayer

Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.

As the ministers receive communion the choir sings

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.

Stewards will direct you to the communion rail  
Please indicate if you would like a gluten-free wafer or non-alcoholic wine

Communion motet

Ave verum Corpus,  
natum ex Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine,  
cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie!  

Hail, real body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
whose pierced side  
flowed with water and blood;  
be unto us the foretaste  
in the trial of death.  
O gentle, O holy one!  
O Jesu, Son of Mary. Amen

Words: 14th century Eucharistic chant  
Music: E. Elgar (1857-1934)

Silence
Prayers after Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
    which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

We stand

Hymn

O God, you search me and you know me.
    All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
    ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
    You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
    in every moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
    you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
    God of my present, past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
    still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
    Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
    gave me life within my mother’s womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
    safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Words: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957); based on Psalm 139
Tune: Bernadette Farrell
The Dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.


The organ voluntary is offered as part of our worship.