



The Eucharist

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Please **stand**, as you are able

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

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

Words of welcome may be said

Prayer of Preparation

We remain standing

President Almighty God,
All **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.**

Confession

We are called to repentance

Deacon My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

We keep silence

Deacon God be gracious to us and bless us
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

We receive words of forgiveness

President 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.**

The Gloria

President Glory to God in the highest,
All **and peace to his people on earth.**
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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

We remain standing

President Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 50.15–21

We sit for the Bible reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'" Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept

when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

We hear music recorded remotely by the cathedral choir; the music will also be made available via the cathedral website, www.birminghamcathedral.com

*I cannot open mine eyes
but thou art ready there to catch
my morning-soul and sacrifice:
then we must needs for that day make a match.*

*Indeed man's whole estate:
amounts (and richly) to serve thee:
he did not heav'n and earth create,
yet studies them, not him by whom they be.*

*Teach me thy love to know:
that this new light which now I see:
may both the work and workman show:
then by a sun-beam I will climb to thee.*

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633); music: David Halls (b. 1963)

We stand*Deacon* The Lord be with you*All* **and also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The preacher is the Reverend Canon Dr Josephine Houghton

*We **sit** for the sermon, after which there will be a period of silence*

The Prayers of Intercession

*We **sit** or **kneel***

Let us pray.

One of these responses may be used

	Lord, in your mercy (or)	Lord, hear us.
<i>All</i>	hear our prayer.	Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

	Merciful Father
<i>All</i>	accept these prayers
	for the sake of your Son,
	our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

*We **stand***

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

We remain in our places

If you prefer to sit whilst the altar is prepared, please do so, and then stand as you are able as the following prayer begins

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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 saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:
All **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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Philip 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.

All **Amen.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

All 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 for ever. Amen.**

The 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.**

The Invitation

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.**

*Communion will be administered silently so we say the response together first;
those who intend to receive are invited to join in saying Amen*

All The body and blood of Christ.
Amen.

Communion is distributed in the form of the bread only, given to the hand. Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest and a blessing will be administered silently

Please come forward when invited and filter into the line one by one, maintaining social distancing; please return to your seat via the south aisle – on the right as you face the altar. There are hand sanitising stations in the north and south aisles for your use as you remove and replace face coverings, or you may prefer to use your own

During the distribution of Communion, a cantor will sing

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
dat panis caelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
manducat Dominum
pauper, pauper,
servus et humilis.

*The bread of angels
becomes the bread of humanity.
The heavenly bread
makes an end of prophetic foreshadowing.
An amazing thing!
God is consumed
by the poor, the poor,
the slave, the lowly.*

Music by César Franck (1822–1890)

Silence is kept

Post Communion Prayer

We sit or kneel

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Notices may be given

The Dismissal

The Blessing

We **stand**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

After the service, please make your way promptly and safely outside via the main entrance; if you are using a printed order of service please take it with you

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