

The Cathedral Church of St Paul Dundee



Sung Eucharist
on the Fourth Sunday in Lent
– Mothering Sunday –
19th March 2023 at 10.30 am

THE GATHERING

Before the service begins, brief notices are given.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

STAND

text: © Fred Kaan (tune: Sussex)

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you, that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!**

GREETING

REMAIN STANDING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON

A petition is sung;

we then sing Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison or Kyrie eleison after each petition.

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2. Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie eleison. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first line of lyrics is "1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." and the second line is "2. Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son." The music features a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady bass line.

music: 1996 Bob Hurd; © OCP Publications

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

all:

A - men.____

The image shows a musical notation for the word "Amen". It is written on a single treble clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4. The lyrics "A - men.____" are written below the staff.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

The congregation, still standing, remains for a short time in silent prayer.

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

SIT

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you

come peaceably?’ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

PSALM 23

REMAIN SEATED

music: Marty Haugen; ©1986 GIA Publications

Refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by all; verses sung by choir

refrain

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life._____

verses

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by the pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

refrain

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life._____

SECOND READING – Ephesians 5: 8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

music: © 1991/93, Bernadette Farrell

Acclamation sung first by choir, thereafter by all.

We turn to face the Gospel book as it moves to the centre of the congregation

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Fa-ther, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom: glo-ry to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

choir: You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

all: **Praise to you...**

GOSPEL READING – *John 9: 1-41*

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

all sing: **Praise to you...**

HOMILY

SIT

The Very Revd Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Rector & Provost

After the homily there is a brief silence for reflection.

The congregation stands when the president stands.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

STAND

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SIT or KNEEL

In our prayers this morning, we use the response:

Give to me, Lord
a thankful heart.

PEACE

STAND

Christ our Lord came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

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

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

We share a sign of Peace with those around us.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN

text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, alt'd (tune: Lucerna Laudoniae)

During this hymn, the offering is received; the bread & wine are brought to the altar.

**For the beauty of the earth
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

*God of all, to you we raise,
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

**For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:**

God of all...

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight.**

God of all...

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.**

God of all...

**For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.**

God of all...

OFFERTORY PRAYER

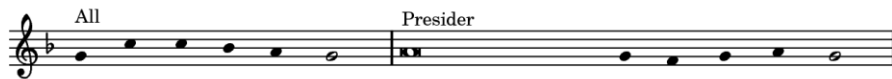
REMAIN STANDING

**Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.**

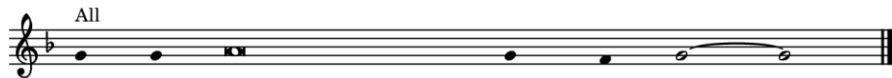
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.---

Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us
to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing in the joy of his obedience,
now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

music: © David Saint

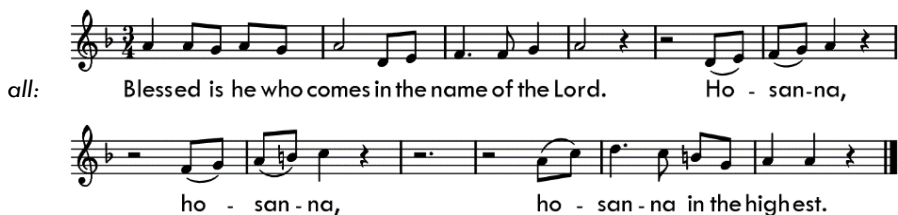


choir: *Heaven and earth are of your glory,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*



all: Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
ho - san - na in the high - est.

choir: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*



all: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross,
his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through that dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night when the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful God,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

all:  A - men, a - men, a - - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom
and teach us to 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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

SIT or KNEEL

music: John L Bell

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis, Domine.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem, Domine.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: grant us peace, Lord.

COMMUNION

All are invited to receive.

Please come forward as guided by the stewards.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands clasped.

At the giving of the bread and wine, we respond:

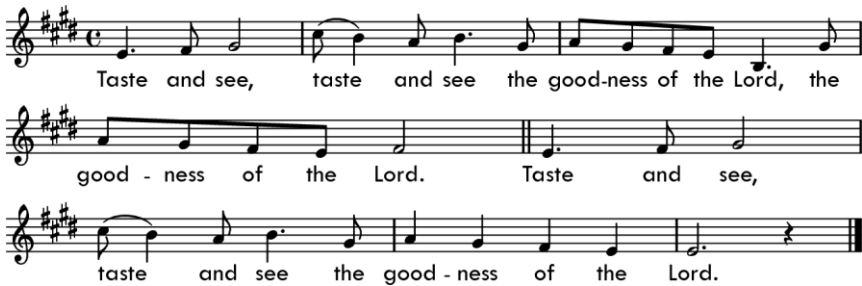
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

text: Psalm 34; music: Tony Alonso; © 2008, GIA Publications

Refrain sung by all; verses sung by choir

refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the
good - ness of the Lord. Taste and see,
taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

verses

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise always on my lips.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and was heard;
from all my terrors set free.

Look towards God and be radiant;
let your face not be ashamed.
When the poor cry out the Lord hears them
and rescues them from all their distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those in awe of God to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.

ANTHEM

text: The Angelic Salutation; music: Javier Busto

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui,
Jesus Christus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus Christ.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

SENTENCE

Blessed be God:
Source of all goodness and grace.

STAND

PRAYER

**Eternal God,
we thank you for the gift of your love,
in each sign of new life.
Nourished by this sacred meal,
help us to bring new life
and your love to the world around us.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWER SEEDS

We remember before God all in our lives who give
or have given motherly love.

For their care and concern: **we thank you, God.**
For the joys they have shared with us: **we thank you, God.**
For the pains they have borne for us: **we thank you, God.**
For all that they give us: **we thank you, God.**

Inspired by them, may we share that love with each other.
**In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

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**O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
*Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!***

All praise for prophets, through grace inspired,
to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small
to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your Gospel call: *Soli Deo...*

All praise for music, deep gift profound,
through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise,
in wordless splendour and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise: *Soli Deo...*

All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
through word and witness, in bread and wine;
Incarnate Love Song of boundless grace,
Priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face: *Soli Deo...*

A billion voices in one great song,
now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key,
from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally: *Soli Deo...*

BLESSING

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:

Amen.

May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:

Amen.

May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.

Amen.

And the blessing of God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us,
this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

All are invited to remain for coffee/tea/juice which will be served at the back of the cathedral.

