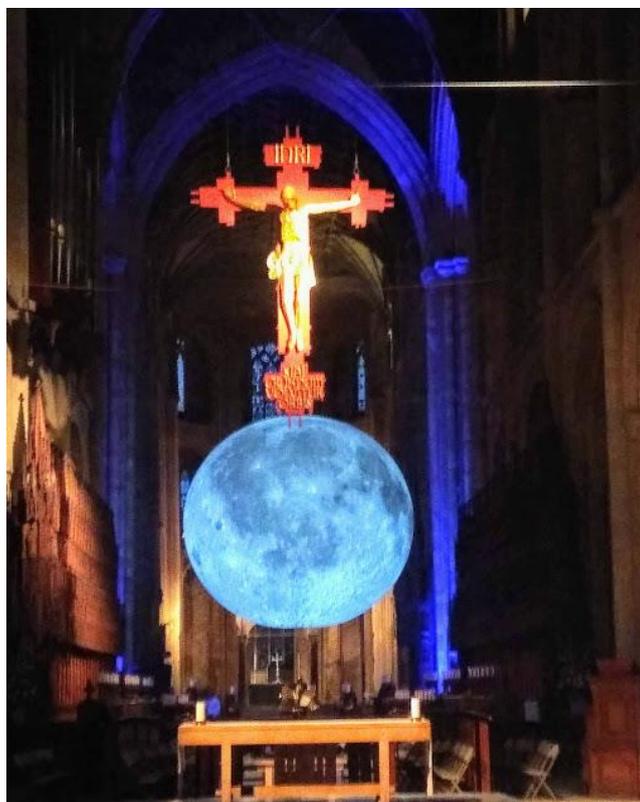




PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL



Online EUCCHARIST FOR PASSION SUNDAY 29th March 2020

The service today comes from the home of one of the Cathedral Canons, since the Cathedral is closed during the coronavirus outbreak. It is a simplified version of the service which would normally be celebrated in the Cathedral at this time in the Church year.

If you would like to follow the readings which are normally set for today, a Shortened Weekly Sheet can be downloaded from the Cathedral website.

The Cathedral Choristers have recorded some music to be sung at services while they are unable to attend. Clips from their recordings will be played during the service. We will also hear a recording from the Cathedral Choir's recent tour to the USA.

The president will briefly introduce today's service. If you wish to follow and join in at home, all the words you will need are printed in this booklet.

Preparation

Although we cannot meet together in person,
we are called to be one body
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

We ask God to cleanse and heal us:
when we have limited ourselves;
when we have allowed fear to keep us apart;
when we could not believe that we were any use,

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

A moment of silence is kept before the absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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. **Amen.**

First Reading: *The Coming: R.S. Thomas (1913- 2000)*

And God held in his hand
A small globe. Look he said.
The son looked. Far off,
As through water, he saw
A scorched land of fierce

Colour. The light burned
 There; crusted buildings
 Cast their shadows: a bright
 Serpent, A river
 Uncoiled itself, radiant
 With slime.
 On a bare
 Hill a bare tree saddened
 The sky. many People
 Held out their thin arms
 To it, as though waiting
 For a vanished April
 To return to its crossed
 Boughs. The son watched
 Them. Let me go there, he said.

Hymn



All my hope on God is founded;
 he doth still my trust renew.
 Me through change and chance
 he guideth,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown, he alone
 calls my heart to be his own.

Still from man to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844–1930)
 Tune: Michael

Gospel

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

When Jesus arrived at the home of Martha and Mary, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench; he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they removed the stone.

Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this so that all may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' *John 11. 17-45, adapted*

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

Sermon

The Revd Canon Tim Alban Jones, Vice Dean

Creed

**We believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

We believe and trust in God the Son,

**who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

Recording of Cathedral choristers: Prayer for encouragement

Intercessions

Written by Sue Paine, a member of the cathedral congregation

God of grace and mercy: in these anxious days of imposed separation and isolation, we pray that our hearts and minds may still be joined in prayer. Thank you for the technology which allows us to bring your message of love to those who are lonely, sick and afraid.

In the weeks and months ahead, help us to walk in your light as we seek to find ways to connect with and help those in need. May we show your responsibility, dignity, generosity and compassion to all those who need our love.

Loving Father, we pray for your Church throughout the world. At this time when we are unable to meet together physically, help us to remember isolated and persecuted churches around the world, where those who can meet together face difficulty and danger. May they feel your abiding presence to uphold and strengthen them. In this Cathedral, in this diocese and in this city, we pray for all our church leaders, that as public worship is suspended, they may be inspired to create new and different ways to meet, worship and minister.

Loving God we pray for governments and authorities throughout the world, that they may develop wise strategies to contain and find a cure for Covid 19. We pray for all in the Health Service who are seeking to heal and help the sick and who may put themselves at risk in so doing, and for all those who are working in essential services, that they may know your care and protection.

Loving Lord, when the shadow of fear threatens to overwhelm us, we pray for all those who are suffering at this time; that they may find Christ with them in their own personal Gethsemanes.

When our worries begin to spin out of control, we come to you in prayer, confident that you will calm our anxiety and give us hope for the future.

Bring strength and courage to the sick and weak, the vulnerable, the homeless and to those living with disability, pain and mental affliction. Especially at this time we pray for those suffering from or living in fear of Covid 19, that they may regain their strength and

health from this disease which knows no boundaries. May your healing light shine through their darkness.

We hold before you today especially:

Lord, we hold before you in our prayers today all those who we have loved but see no more. Help us to remember that though the thread which separates life from death is slender and can be broken very suddenly, nothing can separate us from your love. We thank you that through the Passion of your Son, Jesus Christ, death is no longer the end. By name today we remember: ...

Be with those who mourn the loss of those they loved, so that they may know that you are with them in their sorrow and bring us all finally when we leave this earth, to bow before your throne in heaven to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offertory

Recording of Cathedral Choristers: Lord of all hopefulness

The bread and wine are prepared.

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The Peace

Although we are scattered, we are one body.
We are called by one name and we share one peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called
to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us.

All **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.**

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.**

The president receives Communion on behalf of all those watching.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and 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.**

Recording: The Turtle Dove

Peterborough Cathedral Choir, directed by Tansy Castledine

Soloist: Tyler Neumann

Fare you well, my dear, I must be gone
And leave you for a while.
If I roam away, I'll come back again
Though I roam ten thousand miles, my dear,
Though I roam ten thousand miles.

So fair thou art, my bonny lass,
So deep in love as I,
But I never will prove false to the bonny lass I love
Till the stars fall from the sky, my dear,
Till the stars fall from the sky.

The sea will never run dry, my dear,
Nor the rocks never melt with the sun,
But I never will prove false to the bonny lass I love
Till all these things be done, my dear,
Till all these things be done.

O yonder doth sit that little turtle dove
He doth sit on yonder high tree
A-making a moan for the loss of his love
As I will do for thee, my dear,
As I will do for thee.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest on you and remain with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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