



ELY CATHEDRAL



FESTAL EUCHARIST

1350th anniversary of the founding of
the monastery by St Etheldreda
Queen, Foundress and First Abbess of Ely

Saturday 24 June 2023

12 noon

President : The Bishop

Preacher : The Most Reverend and Right Honourable
Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

Communion Service in C and F

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

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THE GATHERING

*When the bell rings, please stand as the Lord-Lieutenant's representative
is escorted to his seat.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Christ is made the sure foundation
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

2
All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

5
Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.
Amen.

3
To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

4
Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

Words: Latin c 7th century Tr J.M. Neale 1818-66
Music: *Westminster Abbey* NEH 205 Adapted from the Alleluyas in Purcell's
'*O God, Thou art my God*' for Belville in *The Psalmist* 1843

The Bishop says

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop introduces the liturgy

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop says

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. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by the choir*

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us;
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer
Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art Holy, thou only art the Lord,
thou only O Christ with the Holy Ghost
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose grace Etheldreda,
Akindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and shining light in the Church:
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Peter 2.1-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',
and

'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed apostles sing praise;
prophets and martyrs give glory:
'For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!'

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are the Christ everlasting,
born for us all of a Virgin,
you have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Help those you saved by your blood,
raise them to life with your martyrs.
Save your people, Lord, as their ruler raise them up.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Words and music: Fintan O'Carroll 1922-1981 and Christopher Walker b. 1947
based on Te Deum laudamus (A song of the Church)*

Please turn to face the gospeller

GOSPEL

Matthew 5.14-16

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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



You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit

SERMON

After the Sermon silence is kept

Please stand

The Bishop says

We say together in faith:

Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

INTERCESSIONS

The Bishop says

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

Please sit. These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

or Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand

The Bishop says

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord,
who 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.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

2
Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3
Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4
Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix 1837-98
Music: *Hyfrydol* NEH 271 Melody by Rowland Huw Pritchard 1811-87

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to your table
on this feast of Saint Etheldreda.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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 truly right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
This day we honour you in Saint Etheldreda,
who consecrated her life to Christ for the
sake of the kingdom of heaven.
In her you show us your saving love
as you call the human race back to its first holiness,
and invite us to taste on earth
the gifts of the world to come.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

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.

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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.



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 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop 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.

AGNUS DEI *sung by the choir*

OLamb 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.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Bishop invites the people to receive Holy Communion, saying

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. The practice at the Cathedral is to receive the wafer in the hand; if you are concerned about drinking from the common cup, please take the wafer only – please do not dip your wafer in the cup. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please hold this service book as an indication to the ministers.

MOTET sung by the choir during Communion

L ocus iste a Deo factus est:	<i>This place was made by God:</i>
Inaestimabile sacramentum,	<i>A priceless sacrament,</i>
Irreprehensibilis est	<i>It is without reproach.</i>

Music: Anton Bruckner 1824-96

HYMN sung during Communion. Please remain seated.



Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God,
with Christ my Saviour and my God.

Words: Charitie Lees de Chenez 1841-1923
Music: *Before the throne of God* A&M 598 Vikki Cook

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand*

The Bishop says

We give thanks and praise to the God who called Etheldreda to follow him through the trials and blessings of her life; as we mark the 1350th anniversary of her founding of this house of prayer, we pray that God will strengthen us with the same spirit of dedication and purpose, so we too may shine like lights in our own generation to his honour and glory.

You have been my hope O Lord
and a strong tower in my defence

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Etheldreda
that she served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The choir sings

How awesome is this place.

This is none other than the house of God: and this is the gateway of heaven.
I saw a ladder which rested on the ground with its top reaching to heaven;
And all the angels were going up and down it.

This is none other than the house of God: and this is the gateway of heaven.
You will see greater things than this.

You will see heaven wide open,
and God's angels descending and ascending upon the Son of Man.

This is none other than the house of God: and this is the gateway of heaven.
Ye are the temple of the living God and the Spirit of God dwells in you.

The temple of God is holy and you, you are that temple.

This is none other than the house of God: and this is the gateway of heaven.

Words: from Genesis 28.10-17

Music: Paul Trepte b. 1954 *Director of Music at Ely Cathedral 1990-2019*

THE DISMISSAL

God give you grace to follow The Blessed Virgin Mary, Etheldreda
and all his saints in faith and hope and love;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, ✠ the Son and ✠ the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



ORGAN Final from Symphony No. 6 - Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937

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at the West End of the Cathedral.*