

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

**THE EUCHARIST ON THE
SUNDAY NEXT
BEFORE LENT**

**Sunday 11th February 2024
10.30am**

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The President at the Eucharist is:

The Revd Dr Belinda Stanley, *Assistant Curate*

The Preacher at the Eucharist is:

The Revd Canon Dr Benjamin Carter, *Canon Warden*

The Deacon at the Eucharist is:

The Very Revd Jonathan Brewster, *Dean of Carlisle*

Today the Eucharist is said (the Cathedral Choir returns next Sunday).

The organ is played by the Assistant Organist, Mr Edward Taylor.

The organ voluntary before the service: *Vierne Clair de Lune*

Through this order of service there are indications to stand and sit. You should feel free to follow these only as far as you are able or comfortable.

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Stand

Processional Hymn

**Christ is the world's true Light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar shining bright
To every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er men own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
Men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.**

*NEH 494. Words: Gilbert Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)
Music: Nun danket, in Johann Crüger's Praxis Pietatis Melica (c. 1647)
Harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)*

We gather

The Greeting

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

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

We sit as the President introduces the service.

We prepare

**Almighty God,
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.**

We confess

The Deacon introduces the confession with these words:

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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.

Stand

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
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

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We hear the Word

Sit

The First Reading

A reading from the second Book of Kings.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2: 1–12 (NRSV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual Hymn

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

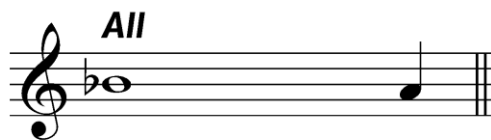
**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

*NEH 234. Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)
Music: Ministres de l'éternel, from the Genevan Psalter, 1562*

The Gospel Reading

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



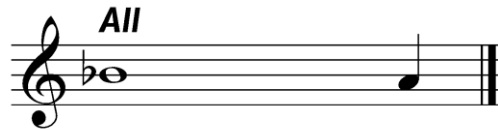
Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud

overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9: 2–9 (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

The Sermon

The Revd Canon Dr Benjamin Carter, *Canon Warden*

We affirm our faith

Stand

**We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

We pray for others

We kneel or sit to pray

After each bidding the following response is used:

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

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

We celebrate

We stand as the President introduces the Peace and says:

We are all one in Christ.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of Peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the following hymn a collection will be taken. Those who have already donated to the Cathedral today by card or on-line should pass the plate without embarrassment. Thank you.

**Light of the minds that know him:
May Christ be light to mine;
My sun in risen splendour,
My light of truth divine;
My guide in doubt and darkness,
My true and living way,
My clear light ever shining
My dawn of heaven's day.**

**Life of the souls that love him:
May Christ be ours indeed;
The living bread from heaven
On whom our spirits feed;
Who died for love of sinners
To bear our guilty load,
And make our life's brief journey
A new Emmaus road.**

**Strength of the wills that serve him:
May Christ be strength to me,
Who stilled the storm and tempest,
Who calmed the tossing sea;
His Spirit's power to move me,
His will to master mine,
His cross to carry daily
And conquer in his sign.**

**May it be ours to know him
That we may truly love,
And loving, fully serve him
As serve the saints above;
Till in that home of glory
With fadeless splendour bright,
We serve in perfect freedom
Our strength, our life, our light.**

*NEH 400 Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)
Based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo (354–430)
Music: Meirionydd Later form of melody by W. Lloyd (1785–1852)*

We take

Bread and wine, symbols of our lives and the life of the world, are placed on the altar and offered to God.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

We give thanks

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works
echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all
creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your
praise:

**We say: 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.**

The President continues:

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

The Deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith:



The President continues:

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
 form us in the likeness of Christ,
 and build us into a living temple to your glory.
 Bring us at the last with all the saints
 to the vision of that eternal splendour
 for which you have created us;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 by whom, with whom, and in whom,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

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We kneel or sit to pray

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We break and share 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us
peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

If you normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to have a blessing, please come forward carrying this service paper – to let the ministers know.

Our normal practice is to receive the wafer into the hand; please do not dip the wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please feel free to take the wafer only. The fullness of Christ is received in the bread alone.

The sidespersons and vergers will indicate when to move. Please follow their directions.

The organ music during the Communion is: Vierne Berceuse & Lied

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**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.**

We stand to receive God's blessing

The Blessing

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.
Amen.

Final Hymn

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy body glorified,
And our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.**

*NEH 178. Words: John Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)
Music: Carlisle, by Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)*

The Deacon says:

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

The organ voluntary after the service is: *Vierne Carillon de Westminster*

CONFIRMATION 2024

We shall be hosting some short, informal sessions that will cover everything you need to know if you would like to be 'confirmed' – or simply would like to explore the basics of the Christian faith. There will be different sessions for children (Year 6 and above), for older teenagers, and for adults. For those who choose to proceed, a Confirmation Service will be held in the Cathedral with the Bishop on Easter Eve, Saturday 30th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

If you are interested to find out more, or are just curious, please contact Revd Belinda Stanley curate@carlislecathedral.org.uk or one of the clergy.

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