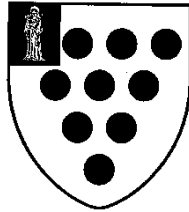


The Cathedral Church of Christ  
and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester



# Sung Eucharist

Third Sunday of Easter  
1 May 2022

President:

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Edwards, Vice-Dean

Preacher:

The Reverend Canon John Paul Hoskins, Precentor

*All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.*

*Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?*

*Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;*

*I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.*

# Welcome



to everyone worshipping in Worcester Cathedral this morning.

**Large-print** copies of this service-booklet are available from the stewards.

If you are here for the first time, contact Canon Stephen Edwards ([stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk)) who can give you a **welcome booklet**.

Among the many benefactors of the cathedral, we give particular thanks to God today for Les and Carol West, who have very generously endowed this day as a **day of music** in celebration of their marriage, and in thanksgiving for two lifetimes of Christian Worship and choral music.

We all join together in the words printed in **bold**. Please follow the directions about standing, sitting or kneeling if you can; but do also feel free to sit down at any time if you need to.

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Please speak to a steward or verger before the service if you wish to receive **gluten-free** consecrated bread, or to have communion brought to you in your seat.

This service is being **live streamed** to Facebook. Please talk to a steward if you have any queries or concerns.

A **collection** will be taken as you leave the cathedral at the end of the service, which includes a facility for contactless donation. Your gift will support the cathedral's ministry and mission, and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. UK tax-payers are kindly asked to use gift-aid envelopes, which allows the cathedral to claim an additional 25% of the donation from the government, at no additional cost to the donor. If you wish to give regularly, please contact Gerald Harris of the Stewardship Committee via the Chapter Office (01905 732900).

**Refreshments** are served in the Chapter House (through the Cloisters) after the service. All are warmly welcome.

*The people stand as the ministers enter, and this hymn is sung*

LEONI

Hebrew melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-99)



**1**

**The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above,  
ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
to him uplift your voice,  
at whose supreme command  
from earth we rise and seek the joys  
at his right hand.**

**2**

**Before the Saviour's face  
the ransomed nations bow,  
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace  
for ever new:  
he shows the prints of love—  
they kindle to a flame,  
and sound through all the worlds above  
the slaughtered Lamb.**

**3**

**Before the great Three-One  
they all exulting stand,  
and tell the wonders he has done  
throughout the land:  
the listening spheres attend,  
and swell the growing fame,  
and sing in songs which never end  
the wondrous name.**

**4**

**The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and 'Holy, holy, holy' cry  
'Almighty King!'  
who was, and is the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee.'**

**5**

**The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high:  
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'  
they ever cry:  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!  
(I join the heavenly lays)  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.**

*Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)*

## The Greeting

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The president welcomes the people and introduces the service.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*Minister* Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*1 Corinthians 5.7, 8*

*All* **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.**

*President* May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

# Gloria in Excelsis

*The choir sings*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater Omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.*

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 God  
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.

## Today's Music

The choral setting of the eucharist today is the Mass in G by Franz Schubert (1808–1828), and the communion motet is *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* by Sir Edward Bairstow (1874–1946).

The words of the motet come from the cherubic hymn of the Divine Liturgy of St James, dating back to the fourth century, the opening line of which is drawn from Habakkuk 2.20: 'Let all the earth keep silence before him.' Edward Bairstow's setting was published in 1925. Its use of contrasting choral textures, from low octaves sung by tenors and bases to the seven-part writing of the climax, delivers the drama and excitement of this text.

## The Collect

*President* Let us pray.

*The people remain standing.*

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and 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 people sit for the readings and psalm.*

## First Reading

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

*Acts 9.1-6*

*All* For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

*Choir*

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up :  
and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee :  
and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell :  
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his :  
and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye,  
and in his pleasure is life :  
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed :  
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn thy face from me :  
and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord :  
and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

What profit is there in my blood :  
when I go down to the pit?

Shall the dust give thanks unto thee :  
or shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me :  
Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy :  
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing :  
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

*Psalm 30*

## Second Reading

*Reader* A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

*Revelation 5.11-end*

*All* For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

*The people stand to sing this hymn*

ALL HEAVEN DECLARES

Noël Richards (b. 1955) and Tricia Richards (b. 1960)



**All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.**

**Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?**

**Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;**

**I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.**

**I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,**

**who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.**

**Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;**

**I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.**

*Noël Richards (b. 1955)  
and Tricia Richards (b. 1960)*

## Gospel Reading

*The people remain standing for this acclamation which heralds the Gospel reading*

*Choir*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

*cf. Revelation 1.17, 18*



*All*

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

*Reader*

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



*All*

**Glo - ry to you, O Lord.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have

breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

*John 21.1-19*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*All*

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

**Sermon**

*The people stand.*

*All*

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The people kneel.*

*After each bidding, the following is sung*

Choir

All

Lord in your mer - cy: hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayers, the following is said*

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

## The Peace

*The people stand.*

*President*     The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
                         and said, ‘Peace be with you.’  
                         Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

*John 20.19, 20*

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

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

*This hymn is sung, during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar*

MEIRIONYDD

Later form of melody by W. Lloyd (1785-1852)



1

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.

2

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 of life's brief journey  
a new Emmaus road.

3

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.

4

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.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

*based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo (354–430)*

*President* Let us pray.

*The people remain standing.*

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

President    The Lord be with you  
All           **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.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sins of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir        *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli  
et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee,  
O Lord most high.

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*President* Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

*President* Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and with him and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*All*        **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The people kneel.*

*President*    Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught, so we pray

*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**

*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.**

## Giving of Communion

*All* Alleluia. Christ, our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president receives communion and says to those intending to receive communion*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*Those intending to receive communion respond*

**Amen.**

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| <i>Choir</i> | <i>Agnus Dei,<br/>qui tollis peccata mundi,<br/>miserere nobis.</i>   | O Lamb of God,<br>that takest away the sins of the world,<br>have mercy upon us. |
|              | <i>Agnus Dei,<br/>qui tollis peccata mundi,<br/>miserere nobis.</i>   | O Lamb of God,<br>that takest away the sins of the world,<br>have mercy upon us. |
|              | <i>Agnus Dei,<br/>qui tollis peccata mundi,<br/>dona nobis pacem.</i> | O Lamb of God,<br>that takest away the sins of the world,<br>grant us thy peace. |

*The people receive communion in one kind (consecrated bread only) from a standing station. All baptised members of churches in which God the Holy Trinity is worshipped are welcome to receive communion if they wish.*

*Those who are not receiving communion are warmly invited to come forward with those who are receiving communion, if they wish, to receive instead a silent blessing. Please hold something in your hands as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing, and the minister will bless you without touching you.*

*Those coming forward are asked to form a single line, socially distanced from one another, and return to their seats via the side-aisles, as directed by the stewards and vergers.*

*During the giving of communion, the choir sings*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and stand with fear and trembling,  
and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,  
cometh forth to be our oblation,  
and to be given for food to the faithful.

Before him come the choirs of angels  
with every principality and power;  
the cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd seraphim,  
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:  
Alleluia!

*Words: from the Divine Liturgy of St James  
Music: Sir Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

*The people stand to sing this hymn*

FULDA

William Gardiner in *Sacred Melodies* (1815)



**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for men in all the earth,  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim:  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free:  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified:  
he sends his Spirit on his Church,  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim;  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*Edward Burns (b. 1938)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*President*    Let us pray.

*The people remain standing.*

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All*            **Amen.**

*All*            **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The president blesses the people, saying*

The God of peace  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Choir* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The ministers and people depart.*

*The offerings of the people are collected as they leave.*

## Organ Voluntary

Prelude in C

*Sir Edward Bairstow*

*Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary.*

*All are warmly welcome to refreshments served in the Chapter House (through the Cloisters).*



# Worcester Cathedral

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# Sunday News

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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### Welcome and Coffee

Do join us after the 10.30 Sung Eucharist for a coffee in the Chapter House.

### New Worshippers

are especially welcome and invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet: [stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

### Quiet Morning: Walking in Faith – Knowing and Not Knowing

Tuesday 10 May 2022, 10.15 am – 12 noon.

At some time in the latter part of the 14th Century, an unknown author wrote a book called 'The Cloud of Unknowing'. The author suggests that between us and God is a cloud of unknowing, which may seem like darkness. We will explore something of what this might mean for us as we travel through life and see how on occasion a light breaks through the cloud and our eyes are opened to see things differently.

To find out more and to book your place (this is a free event) please visit [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/faith-spirituality/quiet-mornings](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/faith-spirituality/quiet-mornings)

### Rogationtide Walk

You are invited to join us for a riverside walk on Monday 23 May after Evensong. We shall gather on College Green at 6.30 pm for a circular river walk, lasting about an hour. We shall stop at various points along the route for prayer and a simple meditation, with lots of conversation in between. Dogs welcome!

### Lunchtime Recitals

The recitals have now reverted to their normal time of 12.15pm and as always last approximately 40 minutes. Admission is free with a retiring collection. Future dates for the Summer series are as follows:

5th May: Edward Byrne (organ)

12th May: Harp department of Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

19th May: Students from St Benedict's Catholic High School, Alcester

16th June: performer to be confirmed

30th June: Raymond Johnston (organ)

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Cathedral Community Big Lunch

On Sunday 5th June 2022 we are holding a Bring and Share lunch in the Chapter House and need to know numbers of those able to attend. There is a board at the rear of the Cathedral with a form for you to add your name to if you are intending on joining this event. Kindly indicate the number of adults/children by Sunday 22nd May. Alternatively, please send your details via email to Elayne at [eguest.99@btinternet.com](mailto:eguest.99@btinternet.com)

A list of the food items we are hoping to include will be available for you to sign up to on the same board from Sunday 8th May.

## Forthcoming Services & Events

Monday 9 May: Memorial Service for the late Jeff Carpenter, 1 pm.

Sunday 29 May: Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee, 4 pm.

## Cathedral Servers

We want to recruit more people to the team of cathedral servers! The servers assist at a wide range of services: the Sunday eucharist, festal services and other special services including civic and diocesan occasions. If you might be interested in finding out more about this important ministry, please contact the Precentor, Canon John Paul Hoskins [johnpaulhoskins@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:johnpaulhoskins@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

## Prayer and Intercessions

Please pray for all the departed, among them Ken Lewis, Nancy Falkner, and Leighton Davies.

The clergy maintain an intercessions list which is placed on the altar at the daily eucharist. If you would like a name to be added to this list, please send an email to [prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

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## ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL OUTREACH

### Living Gently on the Earth

We have become deeply aware that the Climate Emergency is an important matter for all Christians, and indeed for all people, lying as it does at the heart of our mission to 'love your neighbour' by caring for one another and for the very Creation that sustains us.

Aware of how much we have yet to learn, we applied for and received National Lottery funding to run a series of workshops and events, around learning practical green living. These events are open to all people, of all faiths and none, and will mostly take place at the Cathedral. This is what we have planned so far:

- 7<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-1pm: How does a faith in God affect care for the planet?
- 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm: Cooking delicious vegetarian food - demo and teach-in
- 7<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm: Greening your finances: put your money where your heart is



- 25<sup>th</sup> September, 12:30pm: From garden to dish - organic food (visit)
- 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2:30pm: Conscientious consumerism - how to buy ethically
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 10am: Eco Family Fair in the cloister

The events are free, and you can get more details and book a place to attend on: **[worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco](http://worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco)**. We are working on further events, including: knowing your carbon footprint; reducing personal energy use and costs; green transportation; waste, re-use and recycling; ecology and family events.

## Supporting Ukraine

- There is a prayer station in the Cathedral near the Jesus Chapel with resources for prayer and reflection.
- Canon Stephen Edwards is a member of a group coordinating the city and county responses to Ukrainian refugees and can provide signposting to further information. The primary place for registering your support (for example food, health, entertainment/connectivity, money matters, helping with directions, commitments, and advice etc) is through the County Council's website [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help) However there is also an informal register of support being held at deanery level. If anybody is offering a home, sponsorship or other significant support and would like to be listed on the deanery register please contact Stephen.
- Among many appeals for Ukraine is the one set up by the Disasters Emergency Committee – an organisation bringing together 15 leading UK aid charities. Details can be found here [www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal](http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Your Gift to the Cathedral

will support the cathedral's ministry and mission and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. UK tax-payers are kindly asked to use gift-aid envelopes, completing the front, which increases donations by 25%. Donations may also be made via the contactless points in the cathedral. Full details of how to give online can be found at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/make-a-donation](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/make-a-donation)

### Cathedral Stewardship ('TRIO')

If you are a regular, even if not frequent, worshipper and do not already participate in TRIO (The Responsibility Is Ours), please ask a steward for an invitation letter which will give you more information about the scheme. Alternatively, please speak directly to Gerald Harris after the Sunday Eucharist or contact him on 01905 20988 or at [geraldaharris@hotmail.com](mailto:geraldaharris@hotmail.com)

## Parking

Those attending the Sung Eucharist on Sundays may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email [parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk) ) Please note that parking on College Yard is extremely limited and should be used only by those who require accessible spaces.

## WORSHIP

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### Today's Services

4.00 pm Evensong  
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

### Next Sunday's Services

7.30 am Morning Prayer  
8.00 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer, with livestream*)  
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (*with livestream*)  
4.00 pm Evensong  
6.30 pm Evening Worship (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Details of our regular pattern of services can be found on the website at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/services](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/services)

For information about festivals and other services and events this month, including the monthly music list, please visit [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/monthly-music](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/monthly-music)

*A fuller edition of the Sunday News with further notices is available at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/community/sunday-news](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/community/sunday-news)*

**Please take this booklet home as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week, and then re-cycle it.**

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