

THE ORDER OF SERVICE  
FOR  
CHORAL EUCHARIST  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

**Trinity 18**

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

READING MINSTER  
*of St. Mary the Virgin*



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



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Before the service  
Reverie & Canon - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**THE GATHERING**

*All stand*

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

**All Amen.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

*All sit*

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*Priest* 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.**

*All stand*

*Choir* 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 sins 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 the God the Father. Amen.

*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 unigente 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.*

### The Collect for the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Priest* God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**        **Amen**

*All sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **A Reading from the letter to the Philippians**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about<sup>[1]</sup> these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Philippians 4.1-9**

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**Matthew 22:1-14**

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

*All sit*

### **SERMON**

*(After the sermon a short period of silence is observed)*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*Priest* We declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All 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**





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

*Priest* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Priest* Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all that we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to the world.

**All** **Amen.**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Priest* The Lord is here.

**All** **His Spirit is with us.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Priest* Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you and *singing*:

*Choir* 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.

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.*

*All sit  
Priest*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*Priest  
All*

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

*Priest* 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Priest* As our Saviour taught us, 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.

*Priest* 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.

*Priest* Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

*Priest* The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life.

**All** Amen

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*The minister will distribute the bread of Holy Communion in front of the communion table. Please come up, leaving 2m between yourself and the person in front of you. There will be hand gel available and the wafer will be dropped into your hands. Alternatively, you are very welcome to come and receive a blessing. (without touch).*

*If anyone wishes to receive communion or a blessing but is unable to come to table, then please inform one of the stewards.*

*During communion the choir will sing*

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.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

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

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*For those watching or listening from home, this will be a very strange experience of being invited to Communion not through the physical bread and wine we can touch but a Spiritual Communion with the God who always comes to meet us wherever we are. There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is true desire, lively faith and genuine love.*

*Come honestly before God the way you know how. You may like to pray quietly one of these prayers to help you,*

*Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock. You wait for me and only I can let you in. I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence. Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life. By faith I receive that spiritual food: I receive the affirming love of God the Father.  
I receive the healing compassion of God the Son.  
I receive the transforming power of God the Spirit.  
I receive the eternal life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen*

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Priest* We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

***All***      **Amen**

*The congregation then offers this prayer*

***All***      **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that  
when we were still far off you met us in your Son**

and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink this cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

*All stand*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Priest* God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

***All* Amen.**

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***All* In the name of Christ. Amen.**

After the service:

Prelude & Fugue in C - Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

***There will be a retiring collection.  
Thank you so much for joining us this morning***

***Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to have refreshments in the church but do have a socially distanced chat on the way out.***

