



Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew

It is good that we are here to offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving. You are very welcome to join us as part of this worshipping community. Please stay after the service for refreshments in the John Skinner Centre; and introduce yourself to the clergy or one of the stewards.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

followed by the Cathedral's Annual General Meeting

Sunday 24 November 2019, 10.30 am

Christ the King

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Dr Isaac Poobalan, Provost

Director of Music: Professor Andrew Morrisson

The Cathedral Trebles

A special welcome to Christopher Cromar, playing the organ today

Mass Setting

Gabriel Fauré, *Messe Basse*

Music before the service

Percy Whitlock, *Lantana*

Processional Hymn 433 (NEH)

(Words: Robert Grant, who was of Scottish descent but was born and lived mostly in India; the text is based on William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104 in the *Anglo-Genevan Psalter* of 1561. Music: William Croft, 18th century organist at Westminster Abbey, Hanover)

1 O worship the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

3 This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust,
Nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender!
How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

6 O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

Collect

Eternal Father, whose son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSV)

read by Ike Okpala

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gradual Hymn 421 (NEH)

(Words: From the Pentecostarion, the Greek Office for Pentecost, *Tr* John Brownlie, 1800.
Music: Henry Walford Davies, composer and organist at the Temple Church in London; he also wrote oratorios and choral suites; *Temple*)

1 O King enthroned on high,
Thou Comforter divine,
Blest Spirit of all truth, be nigh
And make us thine.

2 Thou art the Source of life,
Thou art our treasure store;
Give us thy peace, and end our strife
For evermore.

3 Descend, O heavenly Dove,
Abide with us alway;
And in the fullness of thy love
Cleanse us, we pray.

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43 (NRSV)

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Offertory Hymn 296 (NEH)

(Words: George Hugh Bourne, 19th century English clergyman and school warden. Music: George Martin, *St Helen*. There were two 19th century composers called George Martin, and there is some uncertainty as to which of them composed this melody; it was probably George Clement Martin, who died in 1916)

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesu, true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment, pray we
Lest we fail to know thee now,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee,
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine Angels hail thee,
Branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia, alleluia!

We in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cleansing souls from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly manna,
Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Risen, ascended, glorified!

Communion motet:

Richard Shephard, *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

Post-Communion Hymn 394 (NEH)

(Words: George Herbert, 17th century metaphysical poet, orator and priest. Music: Basil Harwood, organist, composer and musical editor, *Luckington*)

1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!

2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout:
No door can keep them out.
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!

Organ Voluntary:

J.S. Bach, *Concerto in G*, first movement BWV 592

(A transcription of Prince Johann Ernst of Saxe-Weimar's Violin Concerto)

LET US PRAY

In the Cathedral community we pray for Helena Thomas, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg and Gordon Smith.

We praise God for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary.

We remember those whom we love but see no longer, and those whose year's mind occurs this week. At this time we pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Henderson, for many years organist in St Andrew's Cathedral.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), and the Rt Rev'd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all in the Diocese supporting and discerning vocations.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich in the Church of England, and the Rt Rev'd Martin Seeley and the Rt Rev'd Mike Harrison; and for this Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, and for our Bishop, the Rt Rev'd Anne Dyer.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

- 24 November Today, after the Eucharist, the Cathedral's **Annual General Meeting** will take place in the John Skinner Centre, 11.30 am
- 26 November **The Fellowship Group** meets in the John Skinner Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm for discussion and conversation.
- 27 November **Wednesday Holy Communion**, 10 am.
- 29 November **Choral Evensong** for the Patronal Festival of St Andrew, 6pm, followed by St Andrew's Night **Ceilidh**, 7 pm

30 November **Cathedral at Noon**, 12 pm: The Chapman Dudeguys, *Barbershop Songs*

1 December **Holy Communion** at 8 am
Solemn Eucharist for Advent Sunday, at 10.45 am
Advent Carol Service at 6.30 pm

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