



Solemn Eucharist and Dedication of the New Altar and Furnishings for the Shrine of Saint Chad

Monday 7 November 2022 at 17.30

Welcome to Lichfield Cathedral

The Dean and members of the Cathedral Chapter warmly welcome you to this service. It is good that we can come together to offer our Eucharist, our offering of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, and to dedicate the new Altar and the other furnishings for the Shrine of Saint Chad. It is an important day and we are pleased that you are able to share with us in this very special occasion.

Safety

Please always follow any directions given in how we need to move around the Cathedral. In the unlikely event of an emergency, please remain quiet and respond calmly and promptly to the directions of the Vergers. Facemasks or coverings, in line with government guidance, are no longer mandatory in the Cathedral but please feel free to wear one if you wish.

Spiritual Communion

Whilst some cannot, for a number of reasons, come to Church to receive their communion in person we will continue to incorporate the Spiritual Communion within our worship at the point of the distribution.

Receiving Holy Communion

People will though be able to choose whether they wish or not to receive their Holy Communion in the form of wine as well as bread. There is no pressure to receive, and people should do as they feel most comfortable; recognising that some may wish not to receive from the chalice just yet. If you take the chalice, please help the person giving the chalice by guiding the cup to your lips. People are also reminded that we do not allow intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at the Cathedral. Please follow the instructions given by the vergers and stewards who will direct you to a communion station. Gluten-free hosts will be available at each station.

Posture

The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with.

Photography and Livestreaming

Whilst we ask that members of the congregation do not take photographs or video of our worship, please note that our Cathedral volunteer photographers will be taking photographs. We are also livestreaming to YouTube this evening's service. If this is a particular issue for you, we will assist by letting you know where you can sit so that you do not appear on screen.

Order of Procession

The Choir Procession

The Cross and Lights *Verger* The Cathedral Choristers The Choral Scholars The Lay Vicars Choral The Director of Music

The Bishop's Procession

The Cross and Lights Verger The Visiting Clergy The Ecumenical Canons The Lay Canons The Chair of the Cathedral Council The Prebendaries The Archdeacons The Executive Director Members of Chapter Verger The Deacon of the Gospel The Concelebrants: The Residentiary Canons and Dean of Lichfield The Area Bishops The Bishop of Qu'Appelle

The Archbishop of Jerusalem The Chaplain to the Archbishop of Jerusalem

The Deacon of the Eucharist

The Bishop of Lichfield

Organ Music before the Service

Litanies - Jehan Alain (1911-1940) Choral Dorien - Jehan Alain (1911-1940) Legende - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The Gathering

Stand as the Choir procession enters, and the Cathedral choir sings the Introit from the Quire.

See the home of God is among mortals. he will dwell with them they will be his peoples and God himself will be with them.

Words: Revelation 21:3. Music: Ben Lamb

Processional Hymn

All remain standing

435 Abbot's Leigh

^{1.} Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

^{2.} See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage: Grace which, like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age?

^{3.} Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day; daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they pray. ^{4.} Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton 1725-1807 Isaiah 33.20-21

The Bishop says

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

Peace be with you **And also with you.**

Introduction to the service – on the Bishop's behalf, the Dean welcomes the congregation, explains the rites and introduces the rite of Penitence.

The ministers and congregation are sprinkled with holy water as the Choir sings

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluia: Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt et dicent, alleluia, alleluia. I beheld water proceeding from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia; and all they to whom that water came were healed, every one, and they say: alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

Remain standing.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Choir)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	Glory be to God on high,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	and on earth peace, good will towards men.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	We praise thee, we bless thee,
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	we worship thee, we glorify thee,
Gratias agimus tibi propter	we give thanks to thee
magnam gloriam tuam.	for thy great glory,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,	O Lord God, heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.	God the Father Almighty.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	that takest away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis.	have mercy upon us.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe	Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
deprecationem nostram.	receive our prayer.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
miserere nobis.	the Father, have mercy upon us.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus	For thou only art holy; thou only art the
Dominus.	Lord;
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.	thou only, O Christ,
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	with the Holy Ghost,
in gloria Dei Patris.	art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.	Amen.

Messe Solennelle (Solemn Mass) in C-sharp minor, Op. 16 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The Bishop prays the Collect:

Let us pray

Almighty God, we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading *Read by the Cathedral Architect*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

Genesis 28.11-18

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Remain seated as the Choir sings

Psalm 84

- ^{1.} O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of hosts!
- ^{2.} My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ^{3.} Yea the sparrow hath found her an house: and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even thy altars O Lord of hosts: my King and my God.

- ^{4.} Blessèd are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.
- ^{5.} Blessèd is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.
- ^{6.} Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.
- ^{7.} They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth ev'ry one of them in Sion.
- ^{8.} O Lord God of hosts hear my prayer: hearken O God of Jacob.
- ^{9.} Behold O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
- ^{10.} For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.
- ^{11.} I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- ^{12.} For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
- ^{13.} O Lord God of hosts: blessèd is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father:

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

The New Testament Reading

Read by a member of the Cathedral Community

A reading from the first letter of Peter

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.

1 Peter 2: 4-9

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

A short period of silence is kept

Gospel Acclamation

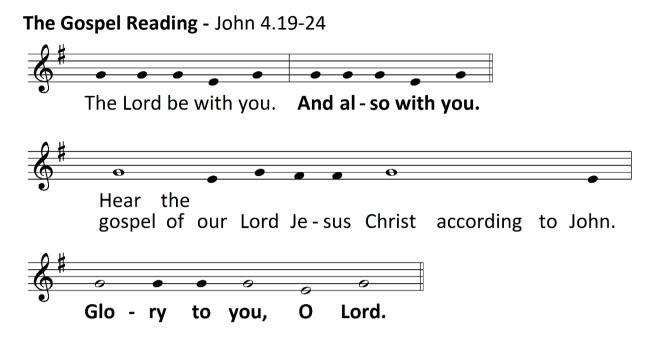
Stand as the cantor sings Alleluia which all repeat



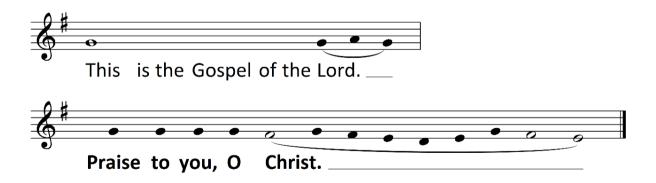
Lord, we love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides.

All sing Alleluia again

Turn towards the reading of the Gospel



The woman said to Jesus, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'



A fanfare is sounded to honour the reading of the Gospel.

Sit

The Homily - The Dean.

A time of silence is kept

All stand as the Bishop with the Area, Assistant and visiting Bishops together with all involved in the design and making of the new altar and the liturgical furnishings of the Chapel, Chapter and the College of Canons and visiting clergy process to the Retroquire and Lady Chapel.

The Choir leads the singing of

The Litany of the Saints



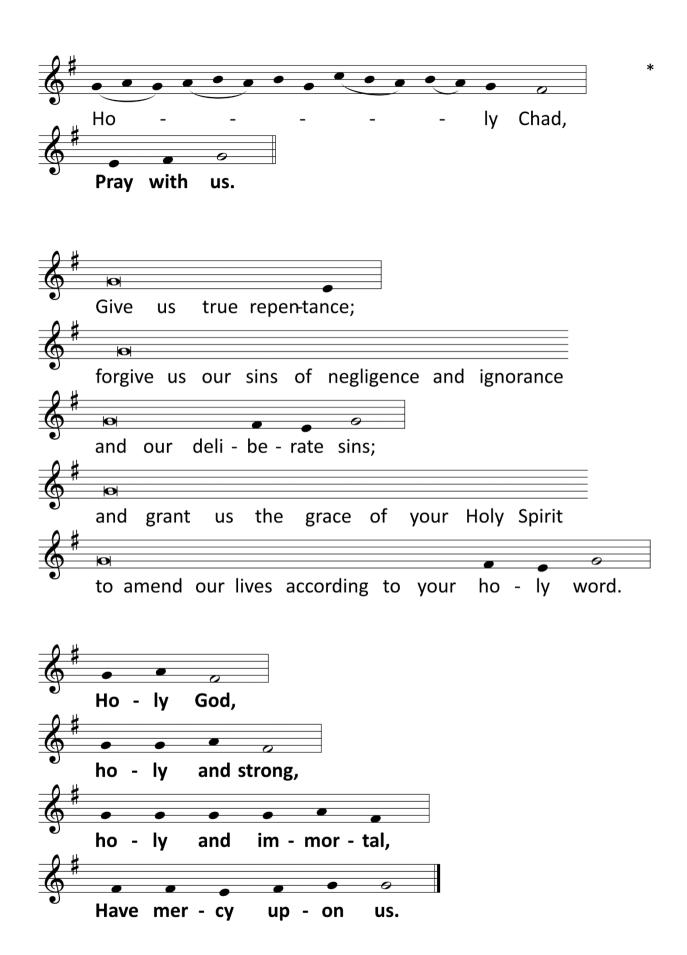
By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and | burial, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy | Spirit, good Lord, deliver us.

Holy Mary mother | of God,



Pray with us. Holy Angels | of God, Pray with us. Holy John the | Baptist, Pray with us. Holy | Joseph, Pray with us. Holy Co-llumba, Pray with us. Holy | Oswald, Pray with us. Holy | Aidan, Pray with us. Ho-|ly Cedd, Pray with us. Holy | Cuthbert, Pray with us. Ho-|ly Hild, Pray with us. Holy | Werburgh, Pray with us. Ho-lly Bede, Pray with us.



* Based on the Alleluia Proper for S. Chad Use of Lichfield (c.13th) GB-Ob M S. Rawl. D. 1225 f.134v

The Presentation

Gathering round the Shrine Altar and platform, the Cathedral Architect, Robert Kilgour, presents to the Bishop those who have planned, designed, built and grafted all the elements of the Shrine.

Reverend Father in God, acting on a commission from the Chapter of this Cathedral, and being granted the necessary permissions to undertake it, we present our work to you that it may be consecrated to the glory of God, and the strengthening of his holy Church.

The Bishop replies

Robert, I thank you and all who have contributed to the realisation of Chapter's commission to reinstate the Shrine of St Chad. Your vision, artistry and skill will adorn this holy house. Let us proceed to consecrate this altar, its platform and corona, the candle-stands, icons, the aumbry and house for the Gospel book, that God may be rightly worshipped and adored and all who stand in this place may be drawn into his presence.

The Dedication of the new Altar and the Liturgical Furnishings

Remain standing, if you are able, as the Bishop, standing before the new Altar, prays the Prayer of Dedication:

Holy Lord and merciful Father, you have neither beginning nor end. You are a holy and wonderful God, whose ways no one can comprehend.

We humbly pray that this altar may be for you like the altar consecrated by Abel, the forerunner of the Passion of the Mystery of Salvation, the altar consecrated by Noah, when the waters had subsided, the altar consecrated by Abraham, our father in faith, which he built to sacrifice his son Isaac, and the altar which Jacob, who, on seeing the Lord, raised an altar to your glory. Here, Lord, you generously give us good things. Therefore, grant that at this table our offerings may be pleasing and acceptable to you and always bathed in the dew of your Holy Spirit. Hear the prayers of your people and relieve their anxieties, cure their ailments, receive their vows, confirm their desires, and grant their requests.

Therefore, let this table, prepared for a heavenly and spiritual banquet, be an everlasting pillar of your church; for you, O Lord, bless and accept the sacrifices laid on it by your own mouth, and grant us all that we may gain everlasting life by sharing in them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A minister says

Brothers and sisters, let us pray to almighty God, the creator of the universe and of this holy place, that we who gather here and who are sent to proclaim the faith throughout the world, may with the whole Church, be strengthened by Christ the corner-stone, God's only-begotten Son, who gives us the sacrament we prepare upon this altar. May he bless the sacrifice of his Son whom we remember in the Eucharist, and so receive it for the unfolding of human salvation and for the glory of his name, whose kingdom and dominion endure for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Choir sings verses from 'Locus Iste' by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est,	This place was made by God,
inaestimabile sacramentum,	a priceless sacrament,
irreprehensibilis est.	beyond reproach.

During the anthem, the Bishop (having removed his chasuble) pours the sacred Oil of Chrism on the altar in five crosses, then across the surface of the altar.

When the anointing has been completed, a minister says

Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. '

Genesis 28.18

A brazier of incense is placed on the altar.

With the thurible, the Bishop censes the altar and then prays

We humbly beseech you, O Lord, that you would vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this holy and anointed altar which will bear the gifts we offer you. May it please you forever to hear the prayers of your faithful people, that aided by the prayers of St Chad and all your saints, our sins may be absolved, our stains blotted out, and pardon obtained; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ministers wipe the chrism from the altar, clean it, and dress it with its linen, candles, and a crucifix.

The candles on the altar corona are lit.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace:

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father. Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace. Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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

The Deacon of the Gospel says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A hymn is sung as the gifts are prepared and the altar is censed. A collection is taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.

NEH 159 St Patrick

^{1.} I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

^{2.} I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
his baptism in Jordan river;
his death on cross for my salvation;
his bursting from the spicèd tomb;
his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.

^{3.} I bind unto myself the power of the great love of Cherubim; the sweet 'Well done' in judgment hour; the service of the Seraphim, Confessors' faith, Apostles' word, the Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls; all good deeds done unto the Lord, and purity of virgin souls. ^{4.} I bind unto myself today the virtues of the star-lit heaven, the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks.

^{5.} I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

The choir sings NEH 278 Gartan

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me;

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

We all conclude:

^{6.} I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

> Attributed to St Patrick 372-466. *tr*. Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Remain standing, if you are able, as the Bishop prays

Lord, grant us perpetual thankfulness for your goodness towards us. We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. **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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, enthroned upon the praises of your people. We thank you for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage.

Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones and bring the Church to its full stature as the body of Christ throughout the world, to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem, which is the vision of your peace. Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly, with all whose names are written in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus (Choir)

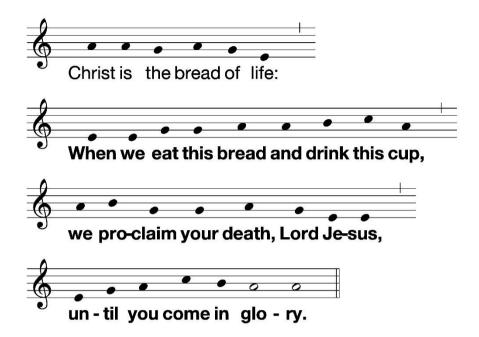
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	Holy, holy, holy
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of Hosts.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit	Blessed is he that cometh
in nomine Domini.	in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; Who on 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, Lord and heavenly Father,

in remembrance of the precious death and passion,

the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension

of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,

to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,

and fill us all who share in this holy communion

with your grace and heavenly blessing;

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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, let us pray with bishop Chad and all the saints 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.

Breaking of 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.

Giving of Communion

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.**

The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving their communion, and worshipping with us from home. We invite those in the Cathedral to pray quietly for them as the President leads them in prayer.

Spiritual Communion (for those worshipping online)

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen. Those of any Christian denomination who are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to do so here. Please follow the directions given by the vergers and stewards who will indicate which communion station you should go to. If you do not normally receive communion please do come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. Gluten free hosts are available at each station for those who require them.

Agnus Dei (Choir)

Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	who takes away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	who takes away the sins of the world,
dona nobis pacem.	grant us peace.

Motet - Ave verum corpus William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine : vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu,	 Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the Cross for the sake of humankind. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet] in the time of our death. O sweet, blessed Jesus,
in mortis examine.	in the time of our death.
fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.	Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

When all have received Holy Communion the new aumbry is sprinkled with Holy Water and blessed with incense, the Bishop then says

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Let us pray

Silence is kept

O Lord God, Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who before his passion instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: grant that in this sacrament house which we set apart today, the outward signs of this covenant may be kept in safety, and that we may show forth his death and resurrection until he comes in glory; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

The consecrated bread is placed in the new aumbry.

The Book of the Gospels is placed in the new repository.

The processional book of the Gospels and its repository are sprinkled with Holy Water and blessed with incense, the Bishop then says

Our hearts burned within us: When Jesus opened the scriptures to us

Let us pray

Silence is kept

O heavenly Father you revealed your glory in the Word made flesh: accept we pray, this book of the Gospels and its repository, and grant that through the word proclaimed we may know you as you speak to us today, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Standing before the icons of the Baptism of Christ, the First Miracle at Cana, Jesus preaching about the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration of Christ and the Last Supper, the Bishop says

The art of iconography began in the monasteries of the Holy Land. It is most fitting that the Archbishop of Jerusalem joins me in the rite of blessing these icons. They were written in Bethlehem, the City of Our Saviour's birth, and each speaks of the unveiling of Christ's glory, truly divine and truly human. We pray that all who see them may be drawn into prayer and love for Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Bishop and the Archbishop cense the icons then say together

Lord God, bless us and all who stand before you, and through these holy icons, grant that we may be mindful of your glory and hopeful for a place in your heavenly kingdom, for you are a good and merciful God, loving all humanity, and for this we send up glory to you Father, to your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, both now and for ever and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

After the new aumbry, the repository for the Gospel Book and Icons have been blessed the Bishop returns to the Shrine Altar and prays

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon of Gospel says

Like living stones, precious in his sight, go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God. **Thanks be to God.**

All sing the recessional hymn

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^{1.} How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

^{2.} Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face:
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

^{3.} Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire, then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
They sing, because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun, there alleluias be.

^{4.} How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep: thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

John Mason 1646-1694

After the hymn the congregation is invited to view the Shrine altar and the new icons and furnishings, lighting candles, and praying silently the prayer of the Cathedral foundation.

Prayer of St Chad

Almighty God. our Heavenly Father by whose providence thy blessed servant Chad was sent to be Bishop of thy church at Lichfield, grant that we who have entered into the spiritual heritage which he left in this place, may like him, be inspired to devote ourselves wholly to thy service; and ever to maintain the virtue of love and peace one with another, and towards all the faithful; through the grace of Him who is the Prince of Peace, our only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Martin Rawles, the Assistant Director of Music and Cathedral Organist will play

Final from Symphonie 1 Op.14 by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The ministers and congregation are then invited to share the Cathedral's hospitality in celebration of this special occasion.

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Curtain Makers	Watts & Co
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Structural Engineer	Clive Haywood, Frank W Haywood & Associates Ltd
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	corona.
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Frank W Haywood &	Clive Haywood
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	grilles on the altar. Assistance with the corona.
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