



John 13.1-17

DIOCESAN EUCHARIST
with the **Renewal of Commitment to Ministry**

Maundy Thursday 9 April 2020 at 10.30 am

Welcome to the Diocesan Eucharist.

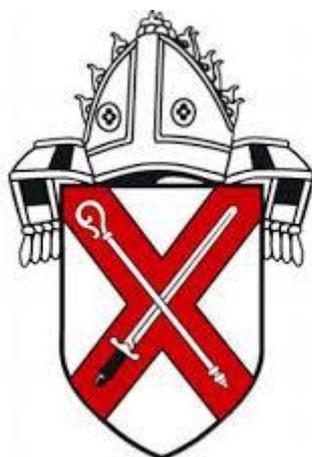
Welcome to this unique Diocesan celebration. Bishop Stephen had specifically chosen this day as his farewell to ordained, licensed and authorized ministers, worshipping together from across the diocese at the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday.

Currently such a gathering cannot take place so we are invited to gather in different way, with Bishop Stephen presiding from the chapel at Bishops court, and with a range of people contributing from their own homes.

These arrangements may be novel, but this is a genuine time of worship together and you are invited to share in it as fully as possible. However unusual it seems, please feel at ease making the responses aloud and joining together in the prayers.

In particular we are all invited to make a corporate act of spiritual communion together. We are a body, members one of another.

Because of the unique nature of this year's celebration there will be no blessing of the oils. Large stocks of oil blessed by the Bishop are kept at the Cathedral throughout the year and as we move beyond the current restrictions on our life together, you are warmly welcome to come and replenish parish oil stocks from the Cathedral throughout the year.



¶ **The Gathering**

The Greeting

The Bishop says

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

All Amen.

The Bishop greets the people, saying

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.

All Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace be with you.

All And also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

Prayers of Penitence

The Bishop says

Come, let us return to the Lord and say
**All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *cf Hosea 6*
Amen.**

The Bishop says these words of absolution

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Collect

The Bishop introduces the Collect saying

Let us pray.

A short pause for silent prayer.

Lord God of our salvation,
you anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit
to proclaim joyful news to the broken-hearted
and healing for the afflicted.
As we complete this season of conversion,
anoint our hearts with the oil of gladness,
that we may rejoice in the great feast of our salvation.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Reading *1 Corinthians 11. 23 – 26*

read by the Revd Laura Garnham, assistant curate of All Saints Wrabness

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

At the end this response is used

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:
All O my God, in you I trust.

The Acclamation

Read by the Revd Andrew Appiah, Curate of Holy Trinity, Barkingside says

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!
All Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.
All Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel Reading
John 13. 1 - 17; 31b - 35

Read by the Revd Andrew Appiah

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.'

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

The Bishop says

My brothers and sisters,
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are easy, others are difficult;
some bring honour, others bring reproach;
some conform to our natural inclinations and material interests,
others are contrary to both.
In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves,
in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.
Yet the power to do all these things
is given in Christ who strengthens us.

Let us pray.

God our Father,
in our baptism you made us witnesses
to the death and resurrection of your Son.
Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
as we take upon us the yoke of your obedience.
Make us instruments of your peace,
and doers of your perfect will.

All ordained, licensed and authorized ministers say together

**God our Father,
in the name of Christ
and in the power of your Spirit,
we commit ourselves
to you and one another,
to live, work, and pray
as one body in Christ,
to trust each other
as fellow workers in your Church,
and to give ourselves
with body, mind, and spirit
to the ministries
to which you have called us.
Give us vision, give us courage, and give us joy,
that the world may believe
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to your eternal glory. Amen.**

The Bishop says

May God, who has moved us to make this commitment,
give us grace to keep it to the end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving

The Bishop says

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us prayer to the Father.

*The prayers are led by the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall, Dean of
Chelmsford and the Revd Ade Eleyae, Bishop's Equality Adviser & Vicar of
All Saints, Goodmayes.*

This response is used after each section

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers, the Bishop prays

Lord God,
whose compassion embraces all peoples,
whose law is wisdom, freedom, and joy for the poor,
fulfil in our midst your promise of favour,
that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith
and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the peace, saying

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

The Bishop prays

Pour upon the poverty of our love
and the weakness of our praise
the transforming fire of your presence.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
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 and good
always and everywhere to give you thanks
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you anointed him to be the servant of all
and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom
through suffering.

And now he stands by us
and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation
and the wine of renewed hope.
In your wisdom and love
you anoint your holy people
to be a royal priesthood,
to share in Christ's suffering
and to reveal his glory to the world.

Therefore, earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end.

**All 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray together

O Christ, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

**All 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.**

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

The gifts of God
for the people of God.

**All Jesus Christ is Holy:
Jesus Christ is Lord:
to the glory of God the Father.**

We sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken

**All Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.**

Communion

The Bishop says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

While the Bishop receives communion, you are invited to use this prayer of spiritual communion wherever you are.

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.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept, then the Bishop prays

Good Shepherd,
you have welcomed us at your table
and anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy
follow us all the days of our life
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All Amen.

All You have opened to us the scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of 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 Sending Out

Commissioning of Bishop Peter as acting Bishop of Chelmsford

The Bishop says

And finally today I commission Bishop Peter
as acting Bishop of Chelmsford.

Peter, we give thanks for the work in which you already
collaborate, moving beyond traditional boundaries and modelling
new possibilities in these changing and challenging times.

Your task now is to take on the role of acting Bishop of
Chelmsford, continuing to renew and to bless many ministries,
and to support communities across the Diocese as they develop
in their discipleship and in the understanding and exercise of
their ministry, that they may become a sacrament of God's
kingdom for the world.

Bishop Stephen blesses Bishop Peter for this task

May the Lord lead you in his love,
empower you by his Spirit,
and equip you with his gifts;
may he give you a heart full of love for all people,
a mind open to the signs of the times,
and the wisdom to know how to respond
to the voice of his calling;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
rest upon you and remain with you, now and always.

All Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop gives the blessing

**All Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.**

**All Blessed be the name of the Lord,
now and for ever.**

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
fill you with power to go forth
and proclaim the Gospel;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.