

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Choral Eucharist For the feast of Christ the King**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

# The Eucharist

## *Introit: King of Glory*

Grayston Ives (b.1948)

### *The Welcome*

Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### *The Choral Scholars sing Kyrie Eleison*

*Lord have mercy*  
*Christ have mercy*  
*Lord have mercy*

Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne

## **The Ministry of the Word**

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit**

Let us pray

### ***The Collect***

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## ***The Epistle***

### ***Ephesians 1:15-end***

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Gospel***

The holy Gospel is written in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the 31<sup>st</sup> verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me

nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

***Address***

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

***Offertory hymn: Let all the world in every corner sing***

George Herbert (1593-1633) Tune: Luckington by Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

***Intercessions***

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

**Merciful Father,**

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your Son,**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Invitation to Confession***

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

***The Confession***

**Almighty God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**we acknowledge and bewail**

our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we, from time to time,  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath  
and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### ***The Absolution***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy  
hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that  
with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:  
have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### ***The Comfortable Words***

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*(St. Matt. xi. 28)*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that  
believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*(St. John iii. 16)*

### *The Prayer of Humble Access*

**We do not presume  
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Sacrament**

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up unto the Lord**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God  
**It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty, everlasting God.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee, and saying:

### ***The Choral Scholars sing the Sanctus and Benedictus***

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

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

### ***The Prayer of Consecration***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son 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; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy 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, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen**

And now as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, which art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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 Choral Scholars sing the Agnus Dei***

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

***Prayer after Communion***

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

***The Blessing***

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and all those whom you love, today and always. **Amen.**

***Closing hymn: Forth in the peace of Christ***

James Quinn (1919-2010) Tune: Duke Street attributed to J Hatton (d.1793)



## **Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Stephen Walbrook**

### **Tuesday**

Start:Stop reflection released as audio file on church's website.

### **Wednesday**

9am - Morning Prayer with the Book of Common Prayer by conference call.

All very welcome to dial in:

*Free dial-in on 0330 9981 320 - access code: 464351#*

Church open for private prayer between 10.30am and 3pm.

### **Thursday**

Church open for private prayer between 9am and 4pm

12.45pm Choral Eucharist

7.30pm – 8pm – Time and Space - community chat by zoom closing with Compline

All welcome to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7739658327>.

### **Saturday**

Video of Choral Eucharist recorded on Thursday released on church's website

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