



St Mary Redcliffe

Sung Eucharist
Sunday 3 August 2025
10.30am

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

President: Canon Dr Stephen Spencer
Sung by Chester Cathedral Nave Choir

Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe

Singing the song of faith and justice

as a thriving, inclusive Christian community

as a recognised, welcoming heritage destination

as a church that makes a difference in the parish and beyond

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion which brings together our congregations in church and online.

*If you are worshipping in church, please be aware that **this service is livestreamed**. Our online congregation would love to see you, as it helps us to feel together, but if this causes you difficulties, please speak to a welcomer who will assist you to find an appropriate seat.*

If you are unsure where we are in the service, please do turn and ask those around you if you wish: or let the worship carry on around you and enjoy the presence of God made known through music, colour, architecture and movement.

*May the glory of God enthrall you,
the wonder of God inspire you,
and the love of God fill you.*

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NOTICES

Praying through the vacancy process

The next round of adverts and interviews will happen in the autumn. In the meantime please continue to pray:

*Almighty God, look with grace upon this church community
as we seek a faithful shepherd to lead us in your way.
Grant us wisdom in discernment,
patience in waiting, and unity in purpose,
that we may call one who will serve with love,
preach your Word with truth,
help us sing the song of faith and justice
and guide us ever closer to your son, Jesus Christ.
Prepare the heart of the one you are calling,
and prepare us to welcome them with joy,
so that together we may grow in faith and mission,
to the glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

St Mary Redcliffe Church Lands Charity

This charity is one of the major funders of our worship support and building maintenance. Without the grant income from the "CLC" we would all be spending a lot more time fund-raising! CLC is looking for new directors. Anyone wanting to know more is encouraged to talk to Laura in the first instance.

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- ✓ *Children* are always welcome. Children's Church happens during the 10.30 Sung Eucharist and groups for Toddlers through to Teenagers take place regularly both on-line and in person.
- ✓ We take safeguarding seriously at SMR, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact our safeguarding officer.
- ✓ Please ring the parish office if anyone is in hospital and needs *Visiting*.
- ✓ There is a *Loop System* in the nave, but you'll need to use the T position.
- ✓ *Toilets* etc. are in the Undercroft and an accessible Portaloo by the South Porch.
- ✓ *Collections* to help fund the mission of the church are taken using the Contactless Donation Points at the rear of the church. For those joining us online, donations can be made [here](#). If you pay tax in the UK please add your details so we can claim *Gift Aid*.
- ✓ *Please switch your Mobile Phone to silent and resist the temptation to take Photos or Video of the service: the live stream is available on the website for a few days.*

THE GATHERING

*The congregation joins in those parts of the service **Printed in Bold***

The president says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The president welcomes the gathered congregation and then invites them to stand as we say together:

Prayer of Preparation

We say together

Almighty God,

**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 336

Members of Children's Church join in the Procession, following the choir and ministers.

Angel-voices ever singing

Round thy throne of light,

Angel-harps for ever ringing,

Rest not day nor night.

Thousands only live to bless thee

And confess thee

Lord of might

Thou who art beyond the farthest

Mortal eye can scan,

Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

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*The online congregation may light a candle at home as the altar
candles are lit in church*

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.'**

As his followers, wherever we are,
**we light a light in the name of Christ
who gives us the light of life.**

Please sit

Children's Church Welcome

The president talks about Children's Church and, as we go our separate way, we pray for one another saying:

**Jesus teach us all we pray to follow you along the Way,
be our guide in all we do, help us all learn more from you. Amen.**

Children's Church leave for their groups.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says these or other words suitable for the day

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.

As children together in God's family,

we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Please kneel or sit for a period of silence before saying together

Almighty God,

our heavenly Father,

**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,**

**through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,

**forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The president 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.

Gloria: *Merbecke*

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art Holy, Thou only art the Lord,
Thou only O Christ with the Holy Ghost
art the most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,

and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

At the end of the reading, the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Hymn 421

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

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

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

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Please sit

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3.1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are

disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

At the end of the reading, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

During the Gospel Acclamation the gospel procession moves to the centre of the church. Please turn to face the procession.

We all sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



The choir sings the verse

We all sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.13-21

The deacon says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to

them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

At the end the deacon says

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Organist plays an improvisation

Please sit

Sermon: Canon Dr Stephen Spencer

Creed

Please stand

The deacon says

Let us proclaim our faith together

**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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The deacon says

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs:

Please kneel or sit

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy or
Hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end this response is used

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

The president says these or other words suitable for the day

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The congregations in church and at home are invited to share the peace with each other

- *by greeting others around them with a sign of peace*
- *by waving at the camera above the West Door*
- *by sharing a message of peace on Facebook or the “After church coffee chat” WhatsApp group (please contact a member of clergy to join this group)*

Offertory Hymn

During which bread and wine are placed on the altar.

As part of our commitment to the work in the parish you are invited to make a financial contribution to the life of this church using this link <https://donate.mydona.com/st-mary-redcliffe-pcc>

CHRIST triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal Name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:
Yours the glory ...

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:
Yours the glory ...

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory ...

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:
Yours the glory ...

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Preparation of the Table

The president takes the bread and wine and says

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

Please kneel

Eucharistic Prayer

During which Children's Church return and gather at the West End.

The president sings and we all respond

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.

Other words suitable for the day may be used here

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus: O Quam Gloriosum Victoria

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 coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.”

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The president says

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

**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

The president breaks the consecrated bread and says

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

The president says

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Those in church who usually receive communion in any church are welcome to do so here, or may come for a blessing. Please ask if you would like a blessing or a gluten free wafer.

Please wait in your seat until invited to come up.

Agnus Dei: O Quam Gloriosum Victoria

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.

During communion the choir sings:

Motet: Ave Verum Corpus Martin

Post Communion Hymn: 287

Glory, love and praise and honour
For our food, now bestowed,
Render we the Donor.
Bounteous God, we now confess thee;
God who thus, blessest us,
Meet it is to bless thee.

Thankful for our every blessing,
Let us sing Christ the Spring,
Never, never ceasing.
Source of all our gifts and graces,
Christ we own; Christ alone
Calls for all our praises.

He dispels our sin and sadness,
Life imparts, cheers our hearts,
Fills with food and gladness.
Who himself for all has given,
Us he feeds, us he leads
To a feast in heaven.

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Prayer after Communion

The deacon says

Let us pray

Please kneel

The president says

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Then we say together

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Please sit for the Notices

Please stand

Recessional Hymn 335

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluya!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluya!

Let this mind be to us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluya!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluya!

Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord
In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluya!

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THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

The president says these or other words suitable for the day

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit,
be with you all, wherever you are,
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Retiring Collection

If you are worshipping in church, you are invited to give to the life and ministry of St Mary Redcliffe Church using our contactless donation point as you leave.

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