

Tuesday

Eucharist

Chosen – made in God's image



**Chosen,
Called,
Commissioned**

Welcome to the conference and to our opening Eucharist. We begin our conference by coming together in praise and prayer; sharing together in the presence of Jesus in word and sacrament; and remembering our unity as the body of Christ.

There are suggestions for posture throughout the service, maintaining the ancient tradition of standing for praise and collective prayer. These are invitations rather than suggestions, and you are always welcome to remain seated or to take up a more comfortable posture.

Communion will be administered at various stations around the Derbyshire Hall. Gluten-free wafers are available. In line with the diocesan guidance, please do not intinct (dip) your wafer in the chalice: this does not protect either you or others, and affects those who have problems with gluten.

You are invited to stand if you are comfortably able.

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

President The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

President Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The president may add words of welcome and introduction.

Confession

Deacon In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.4

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

President May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing if you are able.

Hymn



**Your voice, O God, outsings the stars of morning,
your art in sky and season is displayed,
your complex ways we trace in awe and wonder,
and marvel – in your image we are made.**

**What can we say? Can words express our wonder?
How shall we live? Can we reflect your grace?
Come Spirit, come, disturb our cautious living,
be known in us, your human dwelling place.**

**You call your Church from every land and nation;
you reconcile, for we in Christ are one.
We yearn to see creation's full redemption:
all things restored in Christ, the risen Son.**

**O holy God, we worship and adore you,
your Word made flesh shared human joy and strife,
in him you draw us in love's dance of freedom:
your Church, your people, in your common life.**

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The Collect

President Let us pray:

Silence is kept.

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Acts 8: 26–40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Your word, O Lord, is a lantern to our feet
All **and a light upon our path.**

You are invited to stand if you are comfortably able.

Gospel Acclamation

The Alleluia is sung, first by the Cantor then by everyone.



Cantor I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own and my own know me.



Gospel Reading

John 10: 11–18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon

The Rt Revd Steven Croft
Bishop of Oxford

Prayers of Intercession

The following versicle and response may be used:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
All **receive our prayer.**

And at the end:

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

You are invited to stand if you are comfortably able.

The Peace

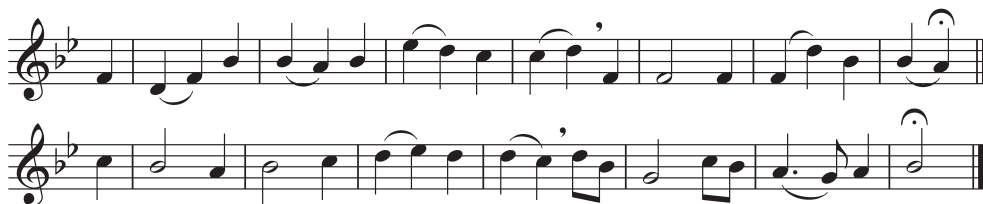
President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said 'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory



**O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.**

**As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,
so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.**

**As wind and storm their Master heard
and his command fulfilled,
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest-tossed be stilled.**

And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.

In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.

O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.

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The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The president takes the bread and wine.

President Creator of all, you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you *R.* and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. *R.* **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Cantor Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**

Cantor God of power and God of might.
All **God of power and God of might.**

Cantor Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
All **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Cantor Hosanna in the highest.
All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Cantor Blessed is he who comes
All **Blessed is he who comes**

Cantor in the name of the Lord most high.
All **in the name of the Lord most high.**

Cantor Hosanna.
All **Hosanna.**

Cantor Hosanna in the highest.
All **Hosanna in the highest.**

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All sing **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence
in the words our Saviour gave us.

All say **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 Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Invitation to Communion

President Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion is administered at several stations around the hall. During the distribution, the following song and hymn are sung:

Song



**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

**Take, O take me as I am,
let me hear you call my name,
set my soul ablaze and
never quench the flame.**

**Take, O take me as I am,
let your hope in me abide,
grant me faith to take each step,
your love my guide.**

**Take, O take me as I am,
Let me with your glory shine,
in my weakness show your strength,
your life in mine.**

**Take, O take me as I am,
Draw me into your embrace,
All I have I give to your
transforming grace.**

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**Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet sacrament divine.**

Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
ark from the oceans' roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet sacrament divine.

Words: Francis Stanfield (1835–1914)
Tune: Divine mysteries, Francis Stanfield

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

All Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;
and as you have fed us with the one bread of heaven,
so make us one in heart and mind,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are invited to stand if you are comfortably able.

Hymn



Hope of our calling: hope through courage won by those who dared to share all Christ had done. Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled, will bring his gospel to a waiting world.

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.**

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.**

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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Blessing

President Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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