Bishop Wordsworth's School

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL EUCHARIST



Salisbury Cathedral

By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter Welcome and Introduction

We stand to sing the processional hymn

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.

Open thou the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream shall flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through: Strong deliverer, strong deliverer Be thou still my strength and shield. Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee. I will ever give to thee.

We sit and Canon Probert says

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

The Chaplain introduces the service. As our worship begins we acknowledge where things have gone wrong and seek forgiveness.

The Confession

The Chaplain says

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, towards our fellow humans made in God's image and in the misuse of His creation

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy

forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The Choir sing the Kyrie Eleison. Canon Probert 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.

The Collect

Canon Probert says the prayer is said that is prayed throughout the Church across the world this week.

We then stand and turn to face the reader as the Gospel is carried among us.

Gospel reading:

As the reading is announced, the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John Glory to you, O Lord

At the end
This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit. The Chaplain explains the next part of the service.

Prayers

Prayers are led by students who have written them for this service.

At the end of the prayers, we say together

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
The Peace

We stand. Having put ourselves right with God at the Confession, we now put ourselves right with those around us, shaking hands with those either side of us.

Canon Probert says:

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them

The Chaplain says
The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain standing to sing

Hymn

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch; like me! I once was lost, but now am found Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun

At the end of the hymn we remain standing for

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

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.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

The Choir sing the Sanctus

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.' So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour. Help us. Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. All Amen.

We sit for the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence 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

Canon Probert breaks the consecrated 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.

The Giving of Communion

If you are baptised and have taken the bread and wine in a Church before please come forward to receive Communion. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a Blessing if they would like to. Wait for the Prefects to guide you when and where to go.

During Communion, the Choir sings. Whether or not it feels right to you to come up for Communion or a Blessing, please respect that this is a time when we do not talk. It is a time of prayer and reflection.

Post-Communion prayer

Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die: Dance then wherever....

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; but I am the dance and I still go on:

Dance then wherever....

They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he: Dance then wherever....

We remain standing for the

Blessing

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 among you and remain with you always. All Amen.

The Chaplain says
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please wait until the procession has gone past you before you sit down. Please return your orders of service to the Prefects on the way out so that we can re-use them and respect our environment. Thank you to everyone for our service today.