



St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge
The Diocese of London



The Solemn Eucharist
The Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle

24th August 2014 at 11 a.m.

Welcome to St Paul's Knightsbridge, part of the Diocese of London and a church of the worldwide Anglican Communion. If you are visiting us from another church, please make yourself known to the sidesmen or to one of the clergy after the service. Members of all Christian churches are welcome to share with us in this Eucharist – and those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament are invited to approach the altar at the time of Communion, to receive a blessing.

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*Cover image:
Bartholomew the Flayed
Marco d'Agrate (1562)*

Order of Service

The Introductory Rite

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S. DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST THE ALTAR SERVERS, THE CHOIR OF ST PAUL'S AND THE CLERGY ENJOY TIME OFF – AND THE SUNDAY LITURGY IS SIMPLIFIED TO ALLOW US TO OPERATE ON A SKELETON STAFF. WE WELCOME VISITORS WARMLY, AND HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US.

At 11 a.m. a bell is rung. All stand to sing:

ENTRANCE HYMN

***Saints of God! Lo, Jesus' people
age to age your glory tell;
in his name for us ye laboured,
now in bliss eternal dwell.**

**Twelve poor men, by Christ anointed,
braved the rich, the wise, the great,
all the world counts dear rejecting,
rapt in their apostolate.**

**Thus the earth their death-wounds purchased,
hallowed by the blood therefrom,
on her bosom bore the nations,
laved, illumined - Christendom.**

**On this feast, almighty Father,
may we praise thee with the Son,
evermore his love confessing,
who from both with both is one. Amen.**

*Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)
Music: 'Marching', Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

** Note the acrostic.*

THE GREETING

When all are in their places the Celebrant says:

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

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant says:

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

All kneel. A time of silence and recollection is kept.

**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.
Amen.**

The Celebrant 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All stand to sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO



Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace,



good will to - wards men. We praise Thee;



we bless Thee; we wor-ship Thee; we glo - ri - fy Thee.



We give thanks to Thee for thy great glo - ry,



O Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,



God the Fa - ther al - migh - ty.



O Lord the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



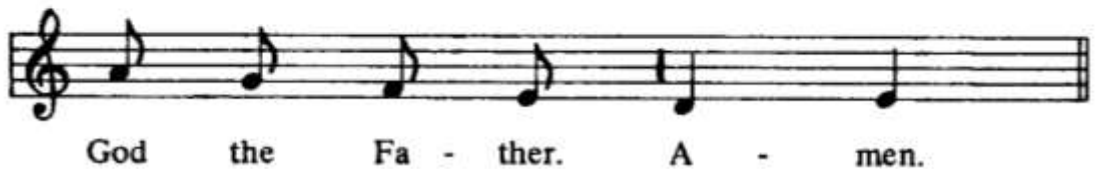
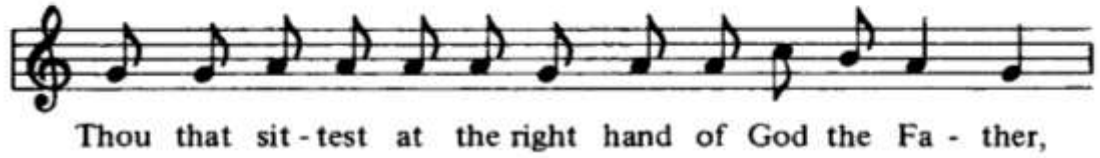
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,



have mer - cy up - on us.



Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,



All remain standing.

THE COLLECT

The Celebrant introduces a period of silence:
Let us pray.

O almighty and everlasting God,
who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach thy word:
grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church,
to love that word which he believed,
and both to preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST READING

The book of the prophet Isaiah 43: 8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour.

I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.

I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

The Cantor sings:

I will magnify thee, O God, my King :
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee :
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised :
there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another :
and declare thy power.
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship :
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

Psalm 145: 1-7

THE SECOND READING

The first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4: 9-15

I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to die.
who counted thee their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.

Jesus, thy name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness
and live and die in thee.

All might, all praise, be thine,
Father, co-equal Son,
and Spirit, bond of love divine,
while endless ages run.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Music: 'Carlisle', Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

All remain standing.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings:



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you

and with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22: 24-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Prebendary Nick Mercer,
*Vicar General to the London College of Bishops
and Honorary Assistant Priest*

Silence is kept.

THE CREED

Let us make affirmation of our faith.

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

All kneel. Either of the following responses may be used:

Lord in thy mercy or Lord, hear us
hear our prayer Lord, graciously hear us.

For the departed, these words may be used:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

At the end, a brief period of silence is kept for personal prayer. All say:

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

All sit.

THE NOTICES

All stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says:

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace with those standing close by.

THE OFFERTORY

The gifts of the people are carried to the altar and presented.

*A collection is taken to support our work, ministry and charitable giving.
Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided, remembering to fill in all the details.*

The altar is prepared and the gifts of bread and wine, the altar, and the sanctuary party is censed.

THE COLLECTION HYMN

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their Pattern and their King;**

**still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

*Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and others
Music: 'Franconia', W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)*

All sit.

The Cantor sings:

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

sung by Zoë Bonner

"Ich will dir mein Herze schenken"

from the St Matthew Passion

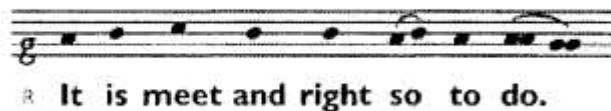
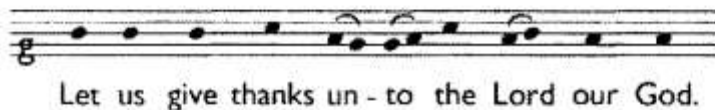
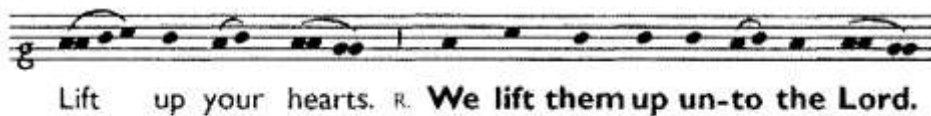
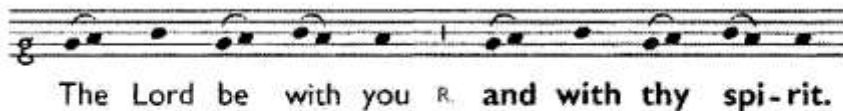
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

When the Thurifer approaches, all stand to be censed.

After being censed, all remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant sings: *All respond:*



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,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord.
For he is thy living Word;
through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,
and fashioned us in thine own image.
Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman,
to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession, exalting him to thy right hand on high, and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

And now we give thee thanks that thy glory is revealed in Bartholomew and all the saints. In their lives thou hast given us an example of faithfulness to Christ. In their holiness we find encouragement and hope. In our communion with them we share the unity of thy kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

All sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts,



hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.



Glo - ry be to Thee O Lord most high.



Bles-sed is he that co-meth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The prayer continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

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

Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

The celebrant sings:

Let us proclaim 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 thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit, inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

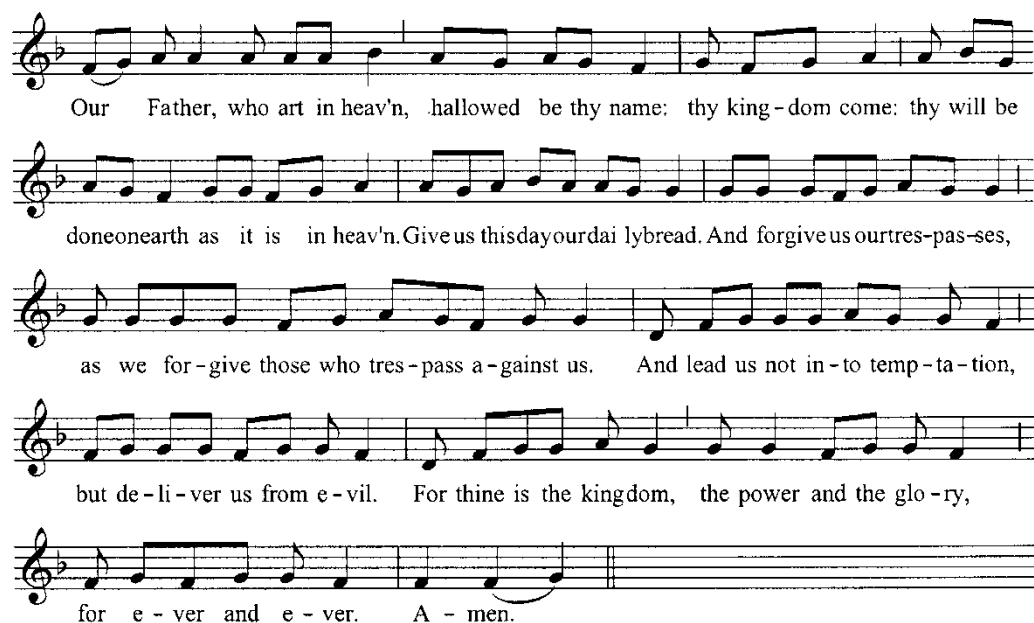
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All kneel. The Celebrant sings:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All sing:



Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name: thy king-dom come: thy will be
done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai ly bread. And forgive us our tres-pas-ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,
but de-li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry,
for e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.**

AGNUS DEI

All sing:



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE GIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

By way of invitation to receive the Sacrament the Celebrant says:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The Sacred Ministers and Servers receive the Holy Communion, followed by the people, beginning with those seated at the front of the Nave. All who normally do so in their own Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to approach the altar to receive a blessing, carrying this booklet in their hands as an indication to the Priest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

sung by Zoë Bonner

"Alleluia" from Exultate Jubilate

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray.

All kneel.

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
didst send thy Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to bear witness to thy truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of thy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us

**with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory.
Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
Music: 'Michael', Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

All stand.

The Celebrant says:

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

God give you grace to share the inheritance of his saints in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

All remain standing as the Servers and Sacred Ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

played by Stephen Farr

Allegro from Sonata IV in Bb
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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