The Gathering

Welcome - [KELVIN]

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Hello and welcome to St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow. My name is Kelvin Holdsworth and I'm the Provost here.

Today, you join a community of people from around the City of Glasgow – and these days from around the world who are searching for God.

Whoever you are and wherever you are, you are welcome in this place and in this community.

Collect for Purity - [FRANNY]

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.

Confession

[AUDREY] God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love.

We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

[Silence]

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

[KELVIN] God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie-[OLIVER]

Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison

Collect - [KELVIN]

Holy God, the folly of the cross mocks our human wisdom, and the weakness of the crucified puts worldly power to shame.

Banish from our hearts every pretence of might and of knowledge, that by the power flowing from Christ's resurrection your people may be raised up from the death of sin and fashioned into a living temple of your glory.

Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22 – [JOHN]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon [AUDREY]

Text to be supplied later

Intercessions [ROBERT]

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the

Lord, saying, 'Lord, have mercy.'

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, Kevin, and for all the clergy and people, for the Churches of All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship; St

Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer; and for The Anglican Church of the Congo; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our government, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this City of Glasgow, for race relations and community cohesion, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the elderly and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for Joyce Freemantle who died this week, and for Henrietta Fowler and Henry McGhee whose year's mind falls at this time, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Communion

Offertory - [KELVIN]

Well there's plenty about temples and about money in the gospel this week. Jesus's anger against those who were making it difficult for people to make their offerings feels very real.

Offering money is a part of our worship – that's why we mention it every week these days.

If you would like to make an offering today to support this temple and the open, inclusive, welcoming ethos that we have here, then please go to thecathedral.org.uk and click on the Donate to St Mary's Cathedral link for more information.

And however you give, thank you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer - [KELVIN]

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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome Your Spirit frees us to live as beloved children in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - [OLIVER]

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

Lord's Prayer [AUDREY]

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

Communion - [KELVIN]

God is with us wherever we are.

As we gaze in adoration we feed on God in our hearts and minds that we may in turn feed the world.

O God, even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom; for yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ for ever.

Amen.

Music at Communion - [MAGNUS]

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread, furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread, preserve the life Thyself hast giv'n, preserve the life Thyself hast given, and feed and train us up for heav'n.

Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love, till all Thy life we gain and all Thy fullness prove, and strengthened by Thy perfect grace, and strengthened by Thy perfect grace, behold without a veil Thy face.

Charles Wesley

Post Communion Prayer - [FRANNY]

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Blessing - [KELVIN]

My thanks go to everyone who has made this service happen this week.

If you've been watching these videos and are looking to find a way of connecting with this congregation then please fill in a Welcome Card, which you can find on the website – thecathedral.org.uk

You might be interested in our ongoing groups – the book group, the new young adults and students group or the young church zoom sessions. If you need more details of anything like that, please get in touch.

But now the blessing...

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Voluntary - [FRIKKI]

Hymn Prelude on "Rhosymedre" by Ralph Vaughan Williams

A hymn and materials for Young Church are available on the online worship page at www.thecathedral.org.uk/worship.

There is an online coffee hour on Sunday at 1 pm. Details in the weekly congregational email. Sign up for emails at www.thecathedral.org.uk

Images used

During Sermon
Christ Clensing the Temple - El Grego
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Before Sermon

The Cleansing of the Temple, about 1400 - 1410, Tempera colors, gold, silver paint, and ink on parchment

Leaf: 33.5 × 23.5 cm (13 3/16 × 9 1/4 in.), Ms. 33 (88.MP.70), fol. 271 The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, Ms. 33, fol. 271