

# St John's College Chapel



## Sung Eucharist Easter Term

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY

# St John's College Chapel

Since the early thirteenth century the site of St John's College has had a place of Christian worship. The original Chapel, whose ruins may still be viewed in First Court, belonged to a hospital for the poor and infirm and was retained when the College was founded in 1511. Our present Chapel, built in 1869 by Sir George Gilbert Scott, continues this faithful offering of prayer with regular services enriched by the College's outstanding choral tradition.

## Sung Eucharist

The Eucharist (or Holy Communion, Mass or Lord's Supper) is the most important of regular Christian services. Gathering together around the altar, we remember the moment nearly 2000 years ago, on the night before he died on the Cross for our sins, when Jesus took bread and wine at the Last Supper and said, "This is my Body... This is my Blood... Do this in remembrance of me." We praise God for his goodness in words and music; we say sorry for the things we have done wrong; we listen to readings from the Bible and a sermon encouraging us to be better followers of Jesus; we pray for the world and all people; and we share bread and wine blessed by the priest, becoming for us Jesus' Body and Blood, so that we may be transformed by the new life and hope which come from his resurrection at the first Easter.

People of all faiths and none are welcome at this service and may join in all the words marked in **bold type**. Readings for the day may be followed on the white sheet (available from by the Chapel gate) and hymns are usually taken from the green *New English Hymnal* in the stalls.

The Chapel is part of the Church of England, within the world-wide Anglican Communion, and welcomes all Christians who are communicant members of their own church to receive Communion with us. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail during Communion for a prayer of blessing – simply bring this booklet to show that you want a blessing.

Our presence at services is a prayer; please respect the traditions of the Chapel and of all those who worship with you. If you would like to know more about the Christian faith or the Church of England, please speak to one of the clergy.

*Please do not use cameras, tape recorders or videos in the Chapel.  
Please do not bring food and drink into the Chapel.*



The Chapel is fitted with a hearing induction loop for those who are hearing-impaired. Simply switch your hearing aid to the T position.

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*Take time before the Service to be still and pray*

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (*Matthew 11.28–30*)

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world." (*John 6.51*)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner. (*The Jesus Prayer, c.4th century*)

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand for the entry of the Choir and Clergy.*

*An INTROIT is usually sung by the Choir from the Ante-Chapel or Choir-Stalls.*

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

*From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows:*

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

WELCOME

*Please kneel or sit for the PRAYERS OF PENITENCE.*

*Assistant* Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*All* **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

*(or)*

*Assistant* We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

*All*

**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 KYRIES are usually sung in Greek by the Choir:*

Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe, eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

*The President declares God's forgiveness in the ABSOLUTION.*

*President*      May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**

*(or)*

*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.**

*All stand for the GLORIA, usually sung in Latin by the Choir:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris: qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostrum;  
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus, Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Remain standing for the COLLECT or special prayer for the day.*

*President*



The Lord be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ you,

*All*



and al - so \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ you.

*President*



Let us \_ pray: ...world with- out end.

*All*



A - men.

*Please be seated for the READING(S).*

*There may be one or more readings, the last of which is always from the Bible.*

*At the end of the Bible reading:*

Reader For the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*A GRADUAL PSALM is sung by the Choir.*

*Please stand as the Gospel Procession moves from the Chancel.*

*An ALLELUIA is sung through once by the Choir, then repeated by the congregation;  
a GOSPEL SENTENCE may be sung and then the ALLELUIA is repeated by the  
congregation again.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of three phrases of the word 'Alleluia'. The first phrase is 'Al - le - lu - ia.' with a period. The second phrase is 'Al - le - lu - ia.' with a period and a slur over the final two notes. The third phrase is 'Al - le - lu - ia.' with a period. The staff ends with a double bar line.

*As the GOSPEL is announced:*

Hear the ho - ly Gos - pel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac - cord - ing to Saint N.

All

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The image shows two musical staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the text 'Hear the ho - ly Gos - pel of our Lord Je - sus Christ ac - cord - ing to Saint N.' with a period. The second staff, preceded by the word 'All', contains the melody for the text 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.' The staves end with double bar lines.

*At the end of the GOSPEL:*

This is the Gos - pel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

The image shows two musical staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the text 'This is the Gos - pel of the Lord.' The second staff, preceded by the word 'All', contains the melody for the text 'Praise to you, O Christ.' The staves end with double bar lines.

*Please sit for the SERMON.*

*Please stand and turn to face the altar for the CREED, usually sung in Latin by the Choir.*

Credo in unum Deum,  
Patrem omnipotentem,  
factorem caeli et terrae,  
visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum,  
Filius Dei unigenitum;  
et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula,  
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,  
Deum verum de Deo vero,  
genitum, non factum,  
consubstantiali Patri:  
per quem omnia facta sunt.  
Qui propter nos homines et propter  
nostram salutem descendit de caelis,  
et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto  
ex Maria Virgine  
et homo factus est.

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis  
sub Pontio Pilato;  
passus et sepultus est,  
et resurrexit tertia die  
secundum Scripturas  
et ascendit in caelum,  
sedet ad dexteram Patris.  
Et iterum venturus est cum gloria  
iudicare vivos et mortuos,  
cuius regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum,  
Dominum et vivificantem:  
qui ex Patre Filioque procedit.  
Qui cum Patre et Filio  
simul adoratur et conglorificatur:  
qui locutus est per prophetas.

Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et  
apostolicam Ecclesiam.  
Confiteor unum baptismum  
in remissionem peccatorum.  
Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum  
et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

*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 of 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.*

*Please kneel or sit for the PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.*

*After each prayer, one of these biddings and responses may be used:*

*Intersessor*      Lord, in your mercy,  
*All*                    **hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

*Intersessor*      Lord, hear us.  
*All*                    **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*(or)*

*Intersessor*      Let us pray to the Lord:  
*All*                    **Lord, have mercy.**

*The INTERCESSIONS usually conclude with:*

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

*Please stand for the PEACE.*

*The President introduces the PEACE with this or another suitable sentence:*

*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.

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

*Assistant*            Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace with those around them (often a handshake with the words, 'Peace be with you').*

*Remain standing to sing a HYMN (The hymn number will be found on the white sheet).*

*During the HYMN, bread and wine are brought to the altar to be consecrated as Christ's Body and Blood, given for us.*

Remain standing for the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER or prayer of consecration.

*President*



*All*



*President*



*All*



*President*



*All*



*President*

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

[On certain Sundays and Feast-days a PROPER PREFACE is sung]

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:

*The SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS are usually sung in Latin by the Choir:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:  
pleni sunt caeli  
et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Please kneel.*

*President*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

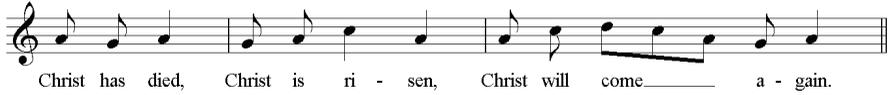
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

*Assistant*



*All*



*President*

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St John ... and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*



*A short period of silence may be kept.*

*President* As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

*All* **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 President breaks the consecrated bread.*

*President* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread**

*A COMMUNION SENTENCE may be sung by the Choir.*

*The President invites the congregation to receive Communion.*

*President* Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*(or)*

*President* Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Those who wish to receive Communion or a Blessing approach the altar rails.*

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*If you do not usually receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail for a prayer of Blessing. Please bring this booklet with you so that the priest knows you want a Blessing.*

*During COMMUNION, the AGNUS DEI is usually sung by the Choir in Latin:*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.*

*Please kneel or sit for the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.*

*President* Let us pray:

*All* **Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the HYMN (The hymn number will be found on the white sheet).*

*The BLESSING and DISMISSAL*

*The President blesses the people in these or other suitable words:*

*President* God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*(or)*

*President* The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Assistant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Or from Easter Day to Pentecost:*

*Assistant* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart.*

*Refreshments are usually available in the Ante-Chapel after the Service.*

*Please do stay and join us if you are able.*

*The work of the Chapel is entirely supported by the College and no collections are taken during services. However, the student Chapel Committee supports a number of charities each term and an alms dish is provided for donations, on the table by the Chapel gates; please give generously.*

*For details of charities supported this term see the notice-board in the Ante-Chapel.*

## *Prayers which you may like to use after the Service*

Bless us, O Lord,  
your servants who minister in your temple:  
grant that what we sing with our lips  
we may believe in our hearts;  
and that what we believe in our hearts  
we may show forth in our lives;  
for your name's sake. Amen.

*Archbishop Cosmo Lang (1864–1945)*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

*The Prayer of St Francis', Anonymous (c.1912)*

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

*Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971)*

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you,  
for ever. Amen.

*Traditional Scottish*

Christ has no body now but ours;  
no hands, no feet on earth but ours;  
ours are the eyes through which  
he looks compassion on this world;  
Christ has no body now on earth but ours:  
dear Father, help us to live for him. Amen.

*St Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)*

Too late have I loved you,  
O Beauty so ancient,  
O Beauty so new.  
Too late have I loved you!  
You were within me but I was outside myself,  
and there I sought you!  
In my weakness I ran after the beauty  
of the things you have made.  
You were with me,  
and I was not with you.  
The things you have made kept me from you,  
the things which would have no being  
unless they existed in you!  
You have called,  
you have cried,  
and you have pierced my deafness.  
You have radiated forth,  
you have shined out brightly,  
and you have dispelled my blindness.  
You have sent forth your fragrance,  
and I have breathed it in,  
and I long for you.  
I have tasted you,  
and I hunger and thirst for you.  
You have touched me,  
and I ardently desire your peace. Amen.

*St Augustine of Hippo (354–430)*

God is everywhere, in all places,  
and there is no spot  
where we cannot draw near to him,  
and hear him speaking in our heart.

*Brother Lawrence (1614–1691)*

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*Members of the Public are also warmly welcomed to our regular services of Choral Evensong (every day during Full Term, except Mondays) at 6.30pm. Full details of all services can be found in the Service List in the stalls.*

*Cover Image: A miniature depicting the crucified and risen Christ in glory from the Lady Margaret Beaufort's own Book of Hours (15th Century), from the College Library*

