



ELY CATHEDRAL

*Joyfully proclaiming the love of God in worship,
outreach, welcome and care*

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SUNG EUCHARIST

*with the commissioning of the Healing Team
and the Pastoral Team*

Sunday next before Lent

3 March 2019

10.30am

President : Canon James Garrard

Preacher : The Dean

Missa Festiva
Flor Peeters 1903-86

The Eucharist

Welcome to Ely Cathedral this morning. Everyone is very welcome for refreshments after the service near the main door to the Cathedral. Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive Communion at this service.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing will be offered this morning. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, please go to St Dunstan's Chapel during the administration of Communion, where one of the clergy and a member of the Pastoral Team will be available to pray with you.



There is an Induction Loop in both the North and South Transepts, the Choir and the Presbytery, for those using a hearing aid, and large copies of the service sheet are available on request.



Photography or video recording are not permitted at this service. Please keep your mobile phones switched off throughout the service.

If you are new to the cathedral and would like to know more about its services and community life, please contact Canon Victoria Johnson (01353 660302) who will be pleased to receive requests for prayer and respond to any pastoral need.

All children are welcome to join Junior Church in Powcher's Hall during the service (term time only). Please ask a steward for directions.

Today's sermon can be read/heard again via the cathedral website.

Please respect the wishes of those who want to be quiet and pray before the service begins - thank you.

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THE GREETING

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the liturgy

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Please sit or kneel

Silence is kept

**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.**

President 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.**

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by the choir*

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art Holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only O Christ with the Holy Ghost art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING
Exodus 34.29-35

A reading from the book of Exodus.

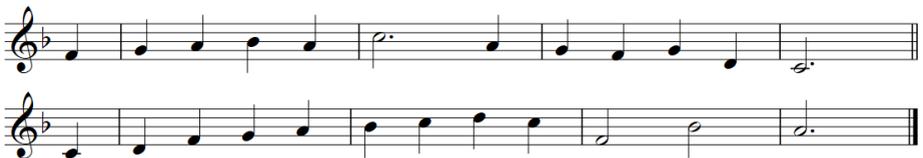
Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *Please stand*



1
My spirit longs for thee
Within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be
Of so divine a guest.

2
Of so divine a guest
Unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest
Unless it come from thee.

3
Unless it come from thee,
In vain I look around;
In all that I can see
No rest is to be found.

4
No rest is to be found
But in thy blessed love:
O, let my wish be crowned,
And send it from above!

Words: John Byrom 1692-1763
Music: *Amen Court* NEH 299 t.ii John Dykes Bower 1905-81

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and face the deacon

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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



Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit

SERMON

After the Sermon silence is kept

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

Let us confess our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 from 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.**

THE INTERCESSION

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

Please sit or kneel

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

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

Please sit

COMMISSIONING OF THE HEALING TEAM AND PASTORAL TEAM

The President invites those to be commissioned to stand

Jesus taught his disciples to love one another. In his community of love, in praying and sharing together and in caring for the sick, they recalled his words: 'In so far as you did this to one of these, you did it to me.' We pray in the name of Jesus the pastor and healer that the sick may be restored to health, those in need of pastoral care be supported and that all among us may know his saving power.

This ministry is one that all Christians share in baptism. Today we ask God to bless those who are members of the Pastoral Team and the Healing Team in their specific commitments to the needs of Christ's Church.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Lord of all the world, As your apostles in every generation have prayed for healing and offered pastoral care to their brothers and sisters in Christ we pray that you will bless and uphold the members of our Pastoral and Healing Teams who we now commission in your name for their service to those who turn to the ministry of this Church. **Amen.**

The almighty Lord, who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him, be now and always our defence. May we believe and trust that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. During this hymn an offering is received. If you pay tax in the UK, please place your offering in the envelope, remembering to include the details requested on the front of the envelope. Thank you



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish c 8th century; Tr Mary Byrne 1880-1931; Versified Eleanor Hull 1860-1935
Music: Slane NEH 339 Traditional Irish Melody

The gifts of the congregation and Junior Church are received.

The President takes the Bread and the Cup and praises God for his gifts

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you **And al - so with you.**

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

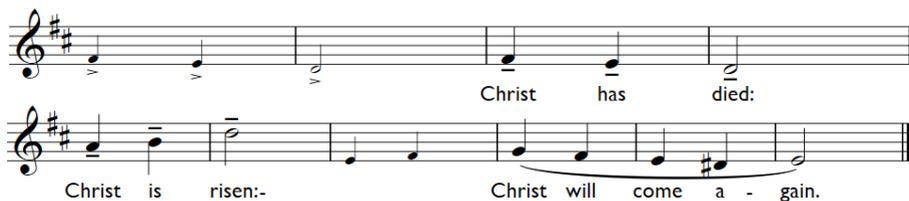
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a 'g' (grace) note. The first staff has lyrics 'The Lord be with you' followed by 'And al - so with you.' in bold. The second staff has lyrics 'Lift up your hearts.' followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.' in bold. The third staff has lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God'. The fourth staff has lyrics 'It is right to give thanks and praise.' in bold.

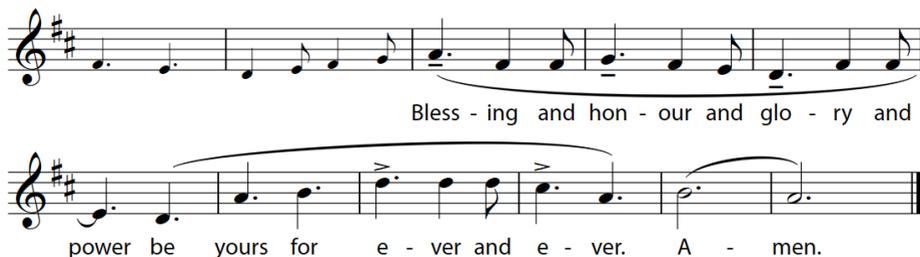
It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.
And now we give you thanks because on the first day of the week
he overcame death and the grave
and opened to us the way of everlasting life.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Great is the mystery of faith.



Christ has died:
Christ is risen:-
Christ will come a - gain.

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 your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and
power be yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President 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.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The President invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

Jesus is 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 to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The President and people receive the Communion. Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive the Communion. The practice at the Cathedral is to receive the wafer in the hand; if you are concerned about drinking from the common cup, please take the wafer only – please do not dip your wafer in the cup. The Church believes that the fullness of God's grace is given when only one of the two elements of Holy Communion is received.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please hold this service book in your hands as an indication to the ministers. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

At the distribution the minister says to each communicant

The body of Christ or The blood of Christ

*The communicant responds **Amen**, and then receives. During Communion the Choir will sing Agnus Dei from Missa Festiva (Flor Peeters) and the motet How beautiful upon the mountains (Stainer).*

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing is available this morning. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, please go to St Dunstan's Chapel, in the South Transept during the administration of Communion, where one of the clergy and a member of the Pastoral Team will be available to pray with you.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

MOTET

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.

Words: Isaiah 52
Music: John Stainer 1840-1901

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

A moment of silence is kept

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
 we thank you for feeding us
 with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
 to be a living sacrifice.
 Send us out in the power of your Spirit
 to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

President May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
 welling up to eternal life,
 perfect in you the image of his glory;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

During the singing of the hymn, the servers, choir and the robed ministers move to the West. Please turn to face them as we are sent to live out our Christian faith in the world.



1
 O for a thousand tongues to sing
 My dear Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King,
 The triumphs of his grace!

2
 Jesus – the name that charms our fears,
 That bids our sorrows cease;
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

3
 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 Your loosened tongues employ;
 Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
 And leap, ye lame, for joy!

4
 My gracious Master and my God,
 Assist me to proclaim
 And spread through all the earth abroad
 The honours of thy name.

Words: NEH 415 Charles Wesley 1707-88
 Music: *Lyngham* A&M 742 Thomas Jarman 1782-1862



ORGAN Toccata from 2nd Symphony - *Dupré*

Everyone is welcome to refreshments after the service

CHORAL EVENSONG : 4pm

Preces - *Rose* Psalm 89.1-19
 Chichester Service - *Walton* Hymns OH202, 445
 Light of the World - *Elgar*
 Organ: Moderato from 2nd Sonata - *Reger*
 Preacher: Canon Victoria Johnson

**From Monday to Saturday Morning Prayer is said at 7.30 am
 and the Eucharist is celebrated at 8am.
 Evensong is sung (or Evening Prayer said) at 5.30pm**

First time at the Cathedral? Returning - but wondering how to get more involved? If you want to know more, or to explore any question of faith or doubt, contact : seeking@elycathedral.org

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 6 March	12.10pm	Holy Communion with
Ash Wednesday		Imposition of Ashes
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist with
		Imposition of ashes
Thursday 7 March	12.10pm	Holy Communion
Friday 8 March	12.10pm	Holy Communion followed by
		Lent Lunch
Saturday 9 March	12.30pm	Walsingham Cell Mass
Sunday 10 March	8.15am	Holy Communion
Lent 1	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	4.00pm	Choral Evensong
	6.30pm	Taizé

NOTICES FOR THE SERVICE SHEET are due by 9am on Tuesdays. Please send all notice requests to notices@elycathedral.org.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING Wednesdays between 10-11:30am in the Cathedral Centre with an occasional speaker on the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone welcome.

EDWARD BEAR CLUB with worship time of praise, activity and stories, is held on Fridays, 10-11 am, for under 5s, parents or carers. For further details please ring Angela Jones (01353 665810). The group has now been relocated to Powcher's Hall (across the Cathedral South Car Park and down Firmary Lane, the building is on your left).

CAFE CHURCH This is a group for young people, from years 7 to 13, which meets on the second Sunday of the month at 10.30am in Powchers Hall to reflect, in an informal space, on issues relating to faith. The next meeting is on Sunday 10 March. If you would like to join in but want more information please contact Sue or Tim Thompson either at Service in the Cathedral or on Ely 772131.

MEN'S BREAKFAST The next men's breakfast will be held in the Almonry Restaurant on Saturday 9 March at 08.45 for 09.00 until 10.00. Please note the new venue. The speaker will be Alain Green, the title of his talk being 'The Phoenix'. Members of the congregation and friends are warmly invited. For more information please contact John Buttifant (01353 654195, buttifant222@btinternet.com) or John Marshall (01353 664927, jandmarshall68@yahoo.co.uk).

ELY CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CHOIR SING AGAIN! The Community Choir will pop-up again to sing at major events in the Spring: An Audience with Paul Treppe on Thursday 14th March and Science Festival Events on 20th and 29th May. The only Audition for this Choir is that you SMILE! No previous singing experience necessary, everybody welcome! Rehearsals in the Song School (Enter through Door in South Nave Aisle) from 12.30pm-1pm on the following dates: Tuesday 5th March, Monday 11th March, Tuesday 26th March, Monday 1st April, Thursday 11th April, Tuesday 30th April, Thursday 9th May, Thursday 16th May.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION We are mindful that several public statements have been made in recent months about the practice of intinction that is, dipping the wafer into the communion cup when receiving communion. The practice at the Cathedral, as in many other Cathedrals and churches, is to receive the wafer in the hand; if you are concerned about drinking from the common cup, please take the wafer only – please do not dip your wafer in the cup. The Church believes that the fullness of God’s grace is given when only one of the two elements of Holy Communion is received.

ELY CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP - Litter picking around Ely

We now have litter picking sessions once a month, on the FIRST Saturday of the month, from 8am to 9am. If you would be interested in joining us, please come to the South Door of the Cathedral at 8am on Saturday 6 April. All equipment will be provided. We finish with coffee and cake in the Cathedral. Any further information from Sue Holgate, Ely Cathedral Environment Group sueholgate@hotmail.co.uk

LAUNCH OF RENEW:ELY CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP AND THE ECO-CHURCH AWARD

You are invited to attend the formal launch of *Renew:Ely Cathedral Environment Group* and our working toward becoming an Eco-Church. Wednesday 3rd April following Evensong, 6.15-7pm in the South Transept. Refreshments will be served.

LENT PLASTIC CHALLENGE 2019 *Renew:Ely Cathedral Environment Group* encourages congregation members to engage in the Church of England’s Lent Plastic Challenge. The Challenge Sheet can be downloaded from the website and copies are available at the South Desk.

AN AUDIENCE WITH PAUL TREPTE 14 March 2019 7:30pm

After 28 years as Director of Music at Ely, Paul’s final services will be those on Easter Day. He reflects on life as a professional church musician and his time at Ely Cathedral. With musical entertainment, drinks and canapes. Tickets £5, available from the website or Cathedral box office on 01353 660349.

EUCHARIST FOLLOWED BY LENT LUNCH Each Friday during Lent there will be a Eucharist at 12.10pm followed by a simple lunch at 12.45pm both held in the Lady Chapel.

CHRISTIAN AID PLANT SALE Please, gardeners, would you think of propagating plants for the Christian Aid plant-sale, which this year is to be held on the morning of Saturday, 11th May, in the forecourt of the Cathedral Centre. Enquiries and offers of plants, please, to Janet Fairweather (01353-665047).

WATER AID No jam jars this year, but several of you have contributed cheques previously as part of your Lenten giving. We would encourage you to do the same this year. Cheques should be made payable to Water Aid and sent to: Water Aid, York House, Wetherby Road, Long Marston, York YO26 7NH. Accompanying labels will be on the end of the coffee table today and throughout Lent. Take one of these to send with your cheque, fill in your details and tick the Gift Aid box if appropriate. Please do continue your giving. We have sent well over £1000 each year for which Water Aid are exceedingly grateful.

MOTHERS' UNION The next Mothers' Union Branch Meeting will be held in the Cathedral Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th March. The Rev. John Sansom, Priest Vicar, will be our Speaker. His talk is entitled "In the footsteps of St Paul, with friends". Everyone is welcome. Please note change of day.

FRIENDS' BRIDGE AFTERNOON The Friends of Ely Cathedral are holding a Bridge Afternoon on Wednesday, 27 March at 1.45 for 2.00pm at The Brooklands Centre, Sutton. Tickets are £7.50, to include tea, and all are welcome. Please contact Jane Davie, Ed Gifford or the Friends' Office (01353 660348) if you would like to attend. This is 'a first' for The Friends and we hope for your support for what is bound to be an enjoyable event!

CHORISTERS' PANCAKE RACE AND BIG PANCAKE PARTY 5 March 6:15pm
Come and enjoy the fun in our Big Pancake Race and Pancake Party when choristers and musicians (and clergy!) will be racing! We will be raising money for the Church Urban Fund's Food Poverty Campaign and eating away at hunger. Just £3 can provide lunch for a child over the summer as free school meals disappear and £9 will provide an emergency food parcel for a family for one day. The event is free, but for catering purposes please get a ticket from the Cathedral Box Office by telephone: 01353 660349 or via email: box.office@elycathedral.org

PAUL TREPTE'S FINAL EVENSONG AND RECEPTION Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019, 4.00pm. After 29 years as Director of Music at Ely Cathedral Paul Trepte stands down on Easter Sunday 2019. We would like to invite you to Paul's Final Evensong and to a short Reception afterwards in the Lady Chapel where we will bid farewell to Paul and Sally. We are collating memories of Paul's time at Ely and if you have any photographs, special stories or thoughts, humorous or otherwise, then please also forward them to the address listed below. Should you also wish to contribute to Paul's Farewell gift please send a cheque to Ely Cathedral, The Chapter House, The College, Ely CB7 4DL. Please RSVP by 21 March to replies@elycathedral.org to signify if you are able to attend the Reception.

YOUR CALL: Breakfast meetings on the Way of Life during Lent:

Powcher's Hall, 8.30-10am, 9, 16, 23 March, 6 April 2019 You are cordially invited to our breakfast meetings on Saturday mornings in Lent, between 8.30 and 10 am. Over croissants, juice, and excellent coffee, we will together ponder and deepen our faith, in a study course which explores the readings for the relevant Sunday in Lent in the light of the 'Way of Life' Diocesan resources. All welcome. Please RSVP j.martin@elycathedral.org or 01353 660304 so that we can buy the right number of croissants! Special diets of any kind are also useful to know about.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

After the 10.30am Sung Eucharist today the Dean will introduce a discussion about receiving Holy Communion in the light of the advice recently given about not intincting, that is dipping the host into the chalice.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would simply like to know more please do come to Powcher's Hall after the service.

All are welcome. Do bring your coffee.