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Sung Eucharist on the feast of St Matthew



Sunday September 20th 2026

Halifax Minster – linked with the Diocese of Aachen, Germany
and with Kowack Cathedral, Rorya, Tanzania

Welcome to Halifax Minster!

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Children are welcome here but there are many dangerous items around the Church. If children start to wander, please make sure an adult is with them.

Our children's groups meet during this service. For more information, please ask at the Welcome Desk.

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WEEKLY DIARY DATES, NEWS & PRAYERS

Weekday services at 9am, 12.30pm & 4pm

The Minster is open this week for visiting daily 12 – 4pm

Welcome back to Rev Sam Crook!

Today we welcome back Rev Sam Crook in order to formally say farewell! Sam is now Associate Priest of Wakefield Cathedral. Sam is to be formally welcomed at Wakefield at Evensong on October 4th. To give an approximate idea of numbers attending, please let the office know if you are going, by dropping a note in the Donations Box or sending an email.

Baptism, confirmation re-affirmation of faith and admission to communion

If you are interested in being baptised or confirmed, the Minster is offering preparation during September. Children wanting to receive the communion will also be offered some preparation. Please consider over the summer if this is something you would like to take part in and speak with one of the clergy or contact the [Minster Office](#).

This afternoon Choral Evensong – 4pm (See page 23)

Sat Sept 26th The Voices of Valjean by Candlelight

starring John Owen-Jones singing music from Les Misérables and the shows. Concerts at 6.15 & 8.30pm, tickets available from the [website](#).

NEXT SUNDAY: Sept 27th (St Michael)

10.30am: Sung Eucharist

4.00pm: Choral Evensong

Sat Oct 3rd Book Launch, Talk & Organ Concert – 6.30pm

A celebration of the publication of Prof David Baker's book on John Varley Roberts, organist of Halifax Minster and Magdalen College, Oxford. Roberts was one of Victorian Britain's most influential church musicians. This free evening features International Concert Organist, David Pipe. All welcome!

The Gathering

Introit

Nolo mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.

Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save.

Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.

Father, my will now all is this: *Nolo mortem peccatoris.*

Father behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side;

Even from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied,
but suffered all, and all for this: *Nolo mortem peccatoris.*

Words: Sir William More (c. 1570)

Music: Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Hymn



Who are these, like stars appearing,
These before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
Who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia, hark! They sing,
Praising loud their heav'nly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
These in God's own truth arrayed,
Clad in robes of purest whiteness,
Robes whose luster ne'er will fade,
Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand;
Whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
For their Saviour's honour long,
Wrestling on till life was ended,
Foll'wing not the sinful throng;
These, who well the fight sustained,
Triumph through the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,
Sore with woe and anguish tried,
Who in pray'r full oft have striven
With the God they glorified;
Now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

These, like priests, have watched and waited,
Off'ring up to Christ their will;
Soul and body consecrated,
Day and night to serve him still:
Now, in God's most holy place
Blessed they stand before his face.

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Music: from Geistreiches Gesangbuch 1698 adapted WH Monk (1823-1889) [ALL SAINTS]

The Greeting

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

And also with you.

Words of welcome are said.

Acclamation

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another:
and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord:
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom:
and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
and all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon

We run the race set before us,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Therefore, let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which clings so closely,
bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

You give your kingdom to the poor in spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You satisfy those who hunger for righteousness and justice:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You give joy and gladness to those who mourn:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

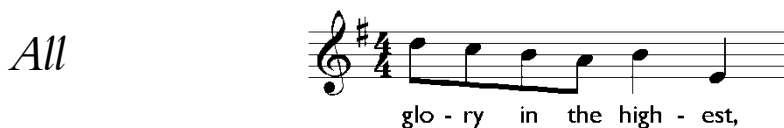
Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.



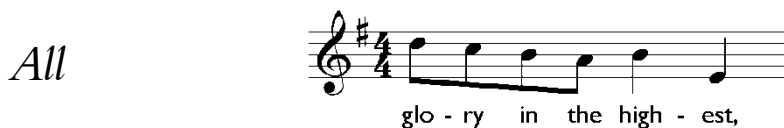
Choir Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.



Choir We worship you,



Choir Give you thanks,



Choir Praise you for your glory.



Choir 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;



Choir You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer,



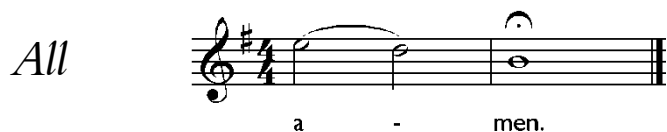
Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.



Choir 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 glory of God the Father.



Choir Amen,



The Collect

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, 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

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3.13–18

At the end

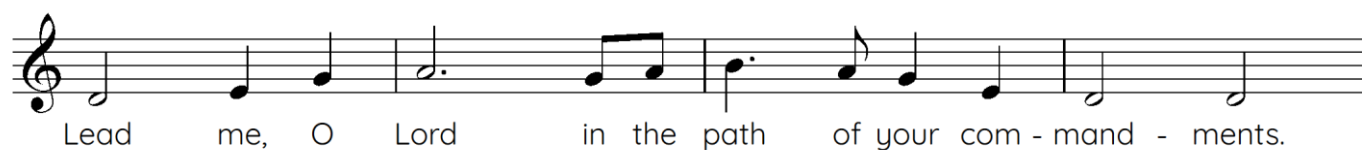
Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119.65–72

Sung response:



New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4.1–6

At the end

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Refrain



Verse



*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into light;
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Refrain

You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for;
You are the one who speaks to us today;
You are the one who leads us to our future:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Refrain

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
You are the Word whose only law is love;
You are the Word – made flesh who lives among us:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Refrain

You are the Word who binds us and unites us:
 You are the Word who calls us to be one;
 You are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Refrain

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Gospel Reading Matthew 9.9-13



I do not call you servants but friends,
 because I have made known to you
 everything that I have heard from my Father.



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Sermon

Please stand

The Creed

**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,
he became 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.**

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Or

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

Lord of the Church:

**Hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President

We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those
who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Christ's peace is expressed by shaking the hands of those around you.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Hymn



Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. Amen

Words Ascribed to Thomas á Kempis (c.1379-1471) tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Henry Smart (1813-1879) [REGENT SQUARE]

Deacon

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
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 set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

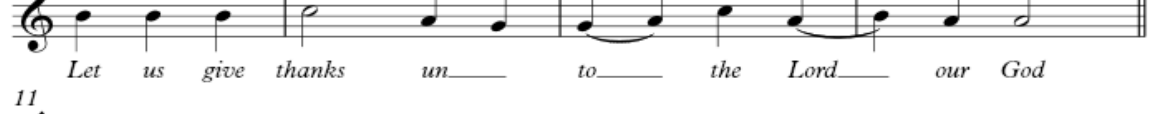
The Eucharistic Prayer

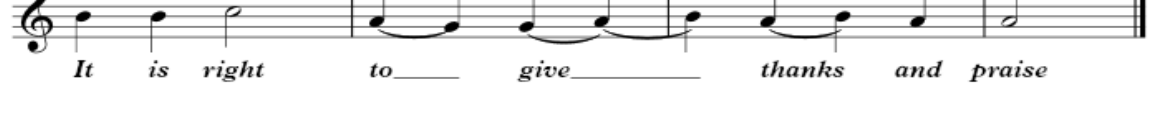
President  The Lord be with you

All  And with thy spirit

President  Lift up your hearts

All  We lift them to the Lord

President  Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

All  It is right to give thanks and praise

The President praises God for his mighty acts.

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
heav'n and earth are full, heav'n and earth are full, heav'n
and earth are full of your glory.

All  Ho - san - na, ho - san - na ho - san - na in the
high - est; ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Choir Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes, blest is he
who comes, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.

All  Ho - san - na, ho - san - na ho - san - na in the
high - est; ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The President recalls the Last Supper.

Choir Christ has died, alleluia! Christ is ris'n, alleluia!
Christ will come again in glory.

All



*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology,
to which all respond boldly **Amen.***

SILENCE is kept

The Lord's Prayer

We sit or kneel to pray

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the 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 the body of Christ.

Agnus Dei

The clergy and servers receive communion.

Choir

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

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

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

Giving of Communion

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.**

Everyone comes forward to receive either the sacrament or a blessing.

Communion Anthem

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm,

for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love,

neither can the floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments,

you shall abide in my love,

Love one another as I have loved you,

Then shall your joy be complete.

Words: Songs of Solomon 8. 6,7 and John 15. 9-12

Music: 'Upon Your Heart', Eleanor Daley (b 1955)

Communion Hymn



Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!

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Prayer after Communion

President

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say together

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices are given.

Hymn

Cross
Candle Bearers
The Choir
The Director of Music
The Sub Deacon
The Deacon
The President



Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heav'nly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
 take what he gives
 and praise him still
 through good and ill
 who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
 let all thy days
 till life shall end,
 whate'er he send,
 be filled with praise.

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Music: John Darwall [DARWALL'S 148th]

Blessing

President

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please join us for refreshments after the morning service.
If you would like to be added to the Minster's email circulation list,
to receive our monthly e-News and other communication,
please fill in one of our Welcome Cards at the Welcome Desk or click here!

Choral Evensong – 4pm

Introit	Nolo mortem peccatoris (see p4)
Hymn	333 - It is a thing most wonderful
Responses	Smith
Psalm	119.33-40, 89-96
OT Reading	Ecclesiastes 5.4-12
NT Reading	Matthew 19.16-30
Canticles	Sumsion in G
Anthem	Verleih uns Frieden

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten;
Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht,
Der für uns könnte streiten,
Denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

*Grant us peace graciously,
Lord God, in our time;
there is indeed no other
who could fight for us
than you, our God, alone.*

Lyrics: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hymn 2 - Abide with me

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