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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

After the welcome, notices and a period of silence we stand and sing the following hymn.

HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love:

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917)

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
And also with you.

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison Lord, have mercy.
Christe, eleison Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

Silence is kept for reflection after which all say together

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent, ✠ have mercy on you and set you free from sin; strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

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 to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you we worship you, we glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord, you alone, Jesus Christ, are the most high with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book Genesis.

22. 1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead

of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22. 25-31

My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people. All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten and worshipped. All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him: and no man hath quickened his own soul. My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

8. 26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said,

'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠Hear the Holy Gospel according to St John.



I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

15. 1-8

This is the Gospel of the Lord:



SIT

THE SERMON

The Revd Canon Steven Griffith

STAND

THE NICENE 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.

KNEEL or SIT

INTERCESSIONS

After the final petition:

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

STAND

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

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.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace

During the offertory a collection will be taken. The collection plate has a card reader that can scan debit or credit cards as well as being able to take your cash donations. A single scan will take £5.00 but you can increase this in multiples of £5.00 by scanning more than once.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O worship the King
all glorious above;
O gratefully sing
his power and his love;
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour
and girded with praise.

O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath
the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power
hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender!
How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
while angels delight
to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant (1779–1838)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy,
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth:</i>	Lord God of hosts;
<i>pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.</i>	heaven and earth are full of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
<i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine</i>	Blessed is he who comes in the name
<i>Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing if you are able as the President continues

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God, creator of all things, giver of life. You formed us in your own image; but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory. We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life; you gave him up to death that the world might be saved, and you raised him from the dead that we might live in him and he in us. Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us, that they may be for us the ✠ body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given 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 when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, Drink from this, all of you, 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 often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



As he has commanded us, Father, we remember Jesus Christ, your Son. Proclaiming his victorious death, rejoicing in his resurrection and waiting for him to come in glory we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Restore and revive your people, renew us and all for whom we pray with your grace and heavenly blessing, and at the last receive us with John the Evangelist our patron, and all your saints into that unending joy promised by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Either

E in Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw, deled dy deyrnas, gwneler dy ewyllys; megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd. Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol a maddau i ni ein dyledion, fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr. Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg. Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant, yn oes oesoedd. **Amen.**

Or.

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.

KNEEL or SIT

BREAKING OF BREAD

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy 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.**

AGNUS DEI

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us;
grant us peace.

The administration of Holy Communion follows. Mindful of the teaching of the Bench of Bishops please do not intinct (dip the host in the chalice).

MOTET

I know that my Redeemer lives and that he shall stand at the last upon the earth: And though after my skin, worms destroy my body; yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27a

Johann Michael Bach (1745–1820)

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Thou art the Way: by thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and he who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth: thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only, canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
grant us that Way to know,
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

George Doane (1799–1859)

THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious: **His love is everlasting.**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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



We have an induction loop in operation, please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

TODAY

President: *The Dean*

Preacher: *The Precentor*

Setting: *Missa Portae Honoris, Wood*

Motet: *I know my Redeemer lives, J M Bach*

CHORAL EVENSONG

You are warmly invited to join us for Choral Evensong this afternoon at 3.30 pm.

Responses: *Girdler*

Psalm: 96

Canticles: *Brewer* in D

Anthem: *Go forth into the world in peace*, Rutter

VISION

We aspire to be

*"... citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."
Ephesians 2:19-20*

The Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist seeks to be an inclusive, faithful, and holy community rooted in the active love of God, his creation, and our neighbours through prayer, fellowship, and service.

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