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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

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

### HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,  
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;  
sing to him who found the ransom,  
ancient of eternal days,  
God eternal, Word incarnate,  
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,  
formed the sea, or built the sky,  
love eternal, free, and boundless,  
forced the Lord of life to die,  
lifted up the Prince of princes  
on the throne of Calvary.

Now on those eternal mountains  
stands the sapphire throne, all bright,  
with the ceaseless alleluias  
which they raise, the sons of light;  
Sion's people tell his praises,  
victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your incense,  
sweep the string and pour the lay;  
let the earth proclaim his wonders,  
King of that celestial day;  
he the Lamb once slain is worthy,  
who was dead, and lives for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
while unending ages run. Amen.

*Job Hupton (1762–1849)  
and John Mason Neale (1818–66)*

## 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*

**H**eavenly 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.**

**A**lmighty 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

**G**lory 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, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

**A**lmighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 Acts of the Apostles.

4. 5-12

**T**he next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

### PSALM 23

#### DOMINUS REGIT ME

**T**he lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy lovingkindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## SECOND READING

A reading from first letter of St John.

3. 16-24

**W**e know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**I** am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will

listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.' 10. 11-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord:



*SIT*

## THE SERMON

*The Revd Dr Emma Whittick*

*STAND*

## THE NICENE CREED

**W**e 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

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!  
Brothers and sisters, with one voice  
make all men know he is your choice:  
Alleluia!

The first apostles round them drew  
thousands of faithful men and true,  
sharing a faith for ever new:  
Alleluia!

Then magnify the Lord and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days:  
Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then:  
Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same;  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim:  
Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might  
God's people everywhere unite  
in service to the Lord of light:  
Alleluia!

*George Bell (1883–1958)*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**C**reator 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.**

**I**t 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Please remain standing if you are able as the President continues*

**A**ll 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  $\times$  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

*Introduced with suitable words*

**O**ur 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

**J**esus 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

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.

*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).*

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
'to be exalted thus;'  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

# THE SENDING OUT

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

**M**erciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

**T**he 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 Minor Canon*

Setting: *Sumsion in F*  
Motet: *Psalm 23 Goodall*

## CHORAL EVENSONG

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

Responses: *Girdler*  
Psalm: 81. 8-16  
Canticles: *Dyson in F*  
Anthem: *The True Glory, Aston*

## 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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