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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

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

HYMN

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne—the Infinite!
who lives—and loves—and saves.

Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

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

Deacon: 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:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Ezekiel.

36. 24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then

you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

PSALM 1

BEATUS VIR QUI NON ABIIT

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season. His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous. But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

1. 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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 have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. 17. 6-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord:



SIT

THE SERMON

The Revd Dr Emma Whittick

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.**

Deacon: 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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless,
praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

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

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24: 7-10

William Mathias (1934 - 1992)

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
after Psalm 72*

THE SENDING OUT

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

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Deacon: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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: *Schubert* in G

Motet: Lift up your heads O ye gates, *Mathias*

CHORAL EVENSONG

You are warmly invited to join us for Choral Evensong this afternoon at 4.00 pm.
We will be joined by the choirs of Llandaff and Newport Cathedrals.

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 147. 1-11

Canticles: *Stanford in A*

Introit: If ye love me, *Wilby*

Anthem: God is gone up, *Finzi*

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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