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THE EASTER PROCESSION & HOLY EUCHARIST

on Easter Sunday

Sunday 5th April 2026
9.00am

Order of Service

We are delighted to welcome you to this service at your Cathedral, which has been a site of Christian worship for over 1,500 years. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself to a member of clergy, who will be happy to tell you more about worship in this place.

Everything you need to follow this service can be found in this booklet. Please join in with the singing of the hymns, as well as the text printed in **Bold**. The rubrics (indicated with the '§' symbol) indicating when to *stand* and *sit* are only suggestions. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.

Please join us for refreshments in Prebendal House after the service.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

§ *Notices are read from the Lectern before the service begins.*

The Altar party gathers near the West door. Please stand and turn to face them.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab,
a'r Ysbryd Glân.

Pawb **Amen.**

Amen.

§ *The President traces the markings on the Easter Candle saying:*

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

All **Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

All **Amen.**

§ *The President lights the Easter Candle, saying:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

§ *The Deacon holds up the Easter Candle and proclaims:*

The Light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

§ *The President says:*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

§ *The Deacon, holding the candle, says:*

The Light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN



All Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured: Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!

Words: Lyra Davidica (1708)

Music: EASTER HYMN
Adapted from Lyra Davidica (1708)

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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.

§ *A short time of silence for reflection follows.*

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

All **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.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Organ
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'nly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we_

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

High - est. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are

sea-ted at the righthand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

§ *The priest prays the Collect, the special prayer for today:*

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

§ *Please sit.*

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said, 'People of Israel, you were all witnesses to the signs, wonders, and deeds of power, that God did amongst us through Jesus of Nazareth. And yet you had him crucified, at the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, setting him free from death, which could not hold him in its power. All this was in fulfilment of a plan that God formed long ago. King David died, and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. But as a prophet, King David knew that God would put one of his own descendants on his throne. When King David wrote that he would not be abandoned to death, he was writing of that descendant, the Messiah, and the resurrection of the Messiah. And now, we are all witnesses that God has raised up this Jesus from the dead. So let it be known, to all Israel, that God has made this Jesus - the one you crucified - to be both Messiah and Lord.'

Acts 2. 22-24, 29-32, 36

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

§ *Please stand. As the Gospel is taken into the Nave, we sing:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two phrases of the Alleluia: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the next two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb, and saw that the stone had been removed. She hurried back to Simon Peter, and the disciple Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Peter and the other disciple set off running towards the tomb. The other disciple outran Peter, reaching the tomb first. Bending down to look in, he could see the linen wrappings, lying there, but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings; and he saw the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, rolled up separately, in a place by itself. Then the other disciple also went in, and saw, and believed; (for until this point, they had not understood the scripture, that he must rise from the dead).

When these two disciples returned to their homes, Mary stayed, weeping, outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels, in white robes, sitting one at the head, and one at the feet, of where the body of Jesus had been. The angels said to Mary, 'Why are you weeping?' Mary said, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around, and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus asked her, 'Why are you weeping? Who is it that you are looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' Mary turned, and said to him, 'Teacher!' Jesus said, 'Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go, and tell my brothers that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them the words the Lord had spoken to her.

John 20. 1-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

§ We sing:



All

THE HOMILY

§ Please sit.

THE BAPTISMAL CREED

§ We stand to declare what we believe as Christians:

All **I believe and trust in God the Father, who created all that is.**

Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn Nuw Dad, a greodd bopeth sydd.

I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind.

Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn ei Fab Iesu Grist, a brynodd ddynolryw.

I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.

Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn ei Ysbryd Glân, sy'n rhoi bywyd i bobl Dduw.

I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Yr wyf yn credu ac yn ymddiried yn un Duw, Dad, Mab ac Ysbryd Glân. Amen.

WE PRAY WITH THE CHURCH

§ We sit or kneel for the prayers. Each prayer may end with:

Pawb Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Arglwydd, yn dy drugaredd gwrando ein gweddi.

§ The prayers finish with:

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

Dad trugarog, derbyn y gweddiau hyn er mwyn dy Fab ein Gwardwr Iesu Grist. Amen.

THE PEACE

§ We stand and acknowledge each other's presence.

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.

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

Tangnefedd yr Arglwydd a fo gyda chwi bob amser. A hefyd gyda thi.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

§ The congregation share a sign of peace with one another.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

§ During the singing of the hymn, a collection will be taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.



All Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To the whole world glad news we bring:
Alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away:
let every tongue rejoice and say:
Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia!

Words: Cyril A Alington (1872-1955)
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Music: VULPIUS
Melchior Vulpius (c.1560-1615)

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

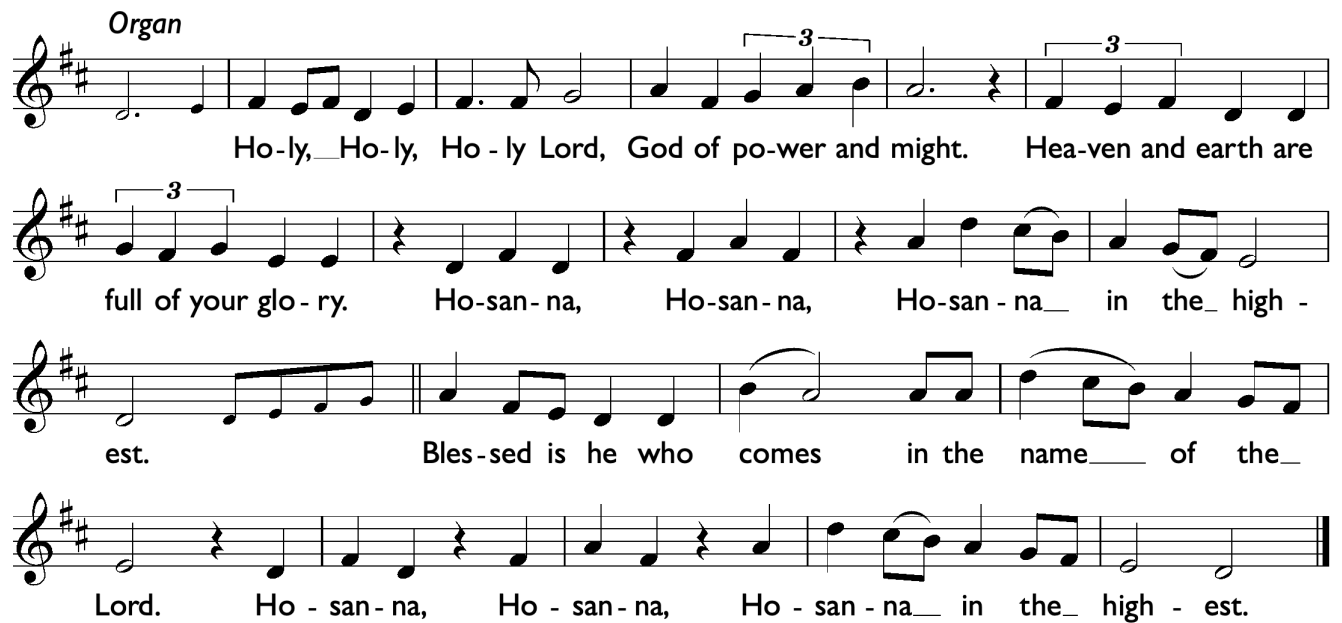
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in us 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:

§ We sing:

Organ



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high -
est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Father in heaven,
listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name;
through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove,
may this bread and this wine be for us
Jesus' body and blood.

Father, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends
the night before he died,
he took the bread;
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

'Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:

'All of you drink from this cup – because this is my blood –
the new promise of God's love:
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.'

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died on the cross and rose again,
we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with us
and all who share this bread and drink from this cup.
Help us to trust you, bring us closer together
and welcome us, with all your people, into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

All honour and glory belong to you, Father, through Jesus, your Son,
with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

All **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.**

WE SHARE THE GIFTS

§ *The priest breaks the bread:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

§ We sing:

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Organ

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Organ

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Those who wish to can come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Once all have received, please stand to sing:



All Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife,
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Refrain

Words: French, Edmund Budry (1854–1932)
Tr. Richard Hoyle (1875–1939)

Music: MACCABEUS
G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

WE GO IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

All **his love is everlasting.**

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

✠ And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always.

Pawb **Amen.**

A bendith Duw hollalluog,
y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a
fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda
chwi yn wastad.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

§ *The congregation remains standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*