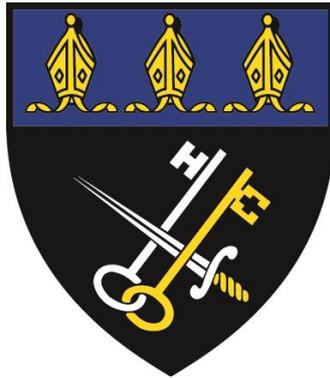


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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

11.15 am

Sunday 25th April 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to the Cathedral!

It is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering during worship unless you have a recognised / acknowledged reason not to wear one.

Please do everything you can to follow the guidelines and instructions as closely as possible, keeping 2 metres between households.

The rows you can use are spaced out at 2 metres apart so please use them as a guide.

Hand sanitiser is available at the west door and at the south east door.

You can help us to keep everyone safe, by voluntarily completing a card with your contact details (one per household). This will enable us if necessary, to implement the 'track and trace' guidelines.

Please do not congregate in the aisles or outside the doors.

At the end of the service we all need to disperse quickly and safely, and not gather in groups within the building or outside.

You may print this order of service or follow it on a mobile device - if you are using a 'phone or tablet please ensure the sound is switched off.

QR codes are available to help you find the order of service on your mobile device.

THE GATHERING

Stand

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist,
let us confess our sins to God our Father:

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy*

*Communion Service in C
John Ireland (1879-1962)*

Silence

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.

All stand as the choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high,
and on 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, Jesus 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,
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

THE COLLECT AND READINGS FOR TODAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – 25th April 2021

The Collect

Almighty 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**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish 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.’

Acts 4.5-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The 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 refresh my soul:
and bring me forth in the right way for his Name’s sake.

Yea though I walk through the darkest valley I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A reading from the first letter of Saint John.

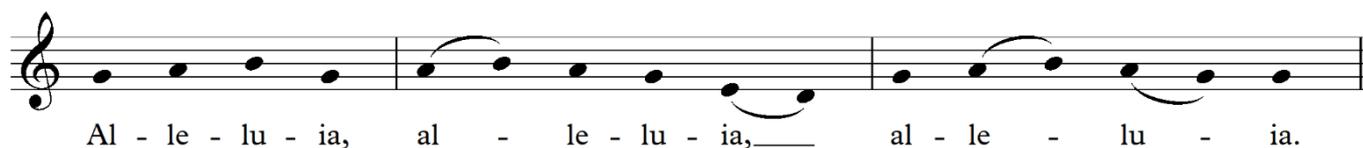
We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in 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.

1 John 3.16-24

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand as the choir sing the Gospel Acclamation:



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘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.'

John 10.11-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

THE SERMON

We stand

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**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.

THE INTERCESSIONS

*We **sit or kneel** for the prayers.*

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Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers finish with:
Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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! They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

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

Please remain standing as the choir sings:

OFFERTORY MOTET

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Words: John M. C. Crum (1872-1958)

Music: French Traditional Melody arr. David Terry
(b.1975)

THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, 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 offer, fruit of the vine
and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

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, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks, holy Father,
all-powerful and ever living God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Because in his victory over death a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and we are once again made whole.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

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 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. **Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us, boldly we pray:

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.

THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the 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.**

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.**

Draw near and receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ,
broken and given for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Those who wish to, come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Only consecrated bread (the Host) will be offered in communion. Please extend your hands as far as possible. The Priest will pray words of blessing silently over children and those who are not receiving communion.

During communion, the choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

COMMUNION MOTET

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death his presence is my stay;
One word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away.
His hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, his oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Words: Psalm 23, paraphrased by Isaac Watts
(1674–1748)

Music: Virgil Thomson
(1896-1989)

THE SENDING OUT

Remain standing

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Merciful 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.**

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 BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of peace
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good deed to do his will,
creating in you that which is pleasing to him,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

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

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