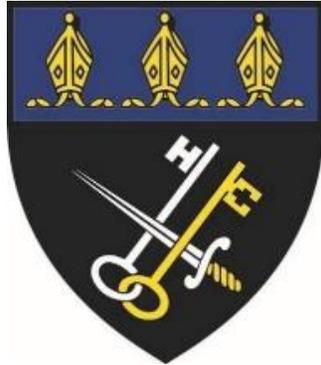


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‘ALL-AGE’ EUCHARIST

Sunday 2nd May 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Easter: *Rogation Sunday*

9.00 am

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.

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

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.**

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD

We remember the things we have done wrong, and we ask God to forgive us.

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow
for all that we have done wrong.

A short time of silence for reflection

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give light to those in darkness.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon ✠ and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT AND READINGS FOR TODAY

The Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

The priest prays the Collect, the special prayer for today.

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.**

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Acts 8.26-40

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

All stand

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

John 15.1-8

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

*We **sit** for a talk, and then **stand** to declare what we believe as Christians:*

A HYMN TO PRAISE GOD WITH SOUND

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

THE BAPTISMAL CREED

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

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

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

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

WE PRAY WITH THE CHURCH

*We **sit or kneel** for the prayers. Each petition may end with:*
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.

The Altar is prepared.

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

With this bread that we bring,
We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring,
We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
Gifts from God to his table we bring.

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 always right, wherever we are, to thank you and to praise you, God our Father and King for ever, through Jesus Christ, your Son. 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. So here on earth, with the angels and archangels and with everyone in heaven we praise your name and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

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:

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so 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.**

WE SHARE THE GIFTS

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, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace.**

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.**

Come 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.

WE GO IN GOD'S STRENGTH

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.**

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.

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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!