

CHELMSFORD
CATHEDRAL



The Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26th April
at 11.15am

President: The Revd Katy Hacker-Hughes
Preacher: The Very Revd Jessica Martin

Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral. Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off and keep your belongings with you.

Music. The mass setting is the Missa Brevis by Grayston Ives (b. 1948). The choir is directed by Emma Gibbins, the Director of Music. The organ is played by Samuel Bristow, the Assistant Director of Music.

Receiving Communion. All who have been baptised are invited to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing as is your custom. Please come in two single files down the centre of the nave to one of the Communion stations, and hold out your hands to receive the consecrated bread. **Please do not intinct** (dip) the wafer into the consecrated wine. To receive a blessing, please bow your head. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please speak to one of the stewards on duty.

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Music before the service:

Agnus Dei pour orgue

Frank Martin (1890-1974)

The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed. Please stand to sing:

Processional Hymn

ELLACOMBE

German melody, 18th century as adapted in *Gesangbuch*, Mainz, 1833



The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Words: Greek, John of Damascus (c. 750), tr. J. M. Neale (1816-1866)

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The president offers some words of welcome and introduction.

The Prayers of Penitence

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.

A moment of silence is kept.

Deacon Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp
the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid
to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated as the choir sings the Gloria:

Gloria in Excelsis

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 caelestis,
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 peace to his people on earth.
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,
almighty God and Father.
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 take away the sin of the world:
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father: have mercy on us.
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

President Let us pray.

We keep a moment of quiet prayer.

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

All



A - men.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Acts 2.42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 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.

5 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.

6 Surely 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.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2.19-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Choir 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.'

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Gospel Reading

John 10.1-10

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.



‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Sermon

The Very Revd Jessica Martin

Please 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.

Prayers of Intercession

President Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

The congregation sits or kneels. At the end of the prayers the intercessor may say

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

At the end of the intercessions, please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President 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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain standing to sing the offertory hymn, during which a collection is taken.

Hymn

HYFRYDOL

Melody by Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Please remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you R: And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. R: We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R: It is right to give 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:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you 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 gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
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.



Great is the mys - te - ry of faith: Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, Peter, Cedd and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The choir sings the Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, grant us peace.*

The Giving of Communion

President Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

To indicate if you wish to receive Communion, please hold out your hands. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

Motet

The Lord is my Shepherd;
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.
He shall convert my soul,
And bring me forth beside the waters of comfort,
For His name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.
For Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

We remain seated for the Communion hymn.

Hymn

NEWINGTON

William Dalrymple Maclagan (1819-1910)



Thine forever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine forever may we be
here and in eternity.

Thine forever! O, how blest
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine forever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.

Thine forever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead by thee from earth to heaven.

Words: Mary Maude (1819-1913)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

We keep a moment of quiet prayer.

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.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Please remain seated for the notices.

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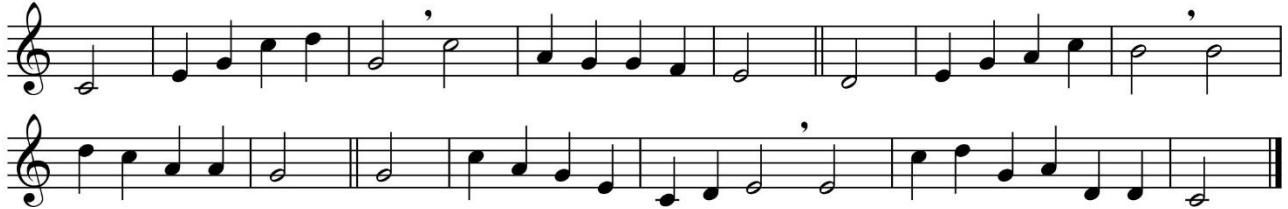
The Dismissal

Please stand.

Hymn

CHRISTCHURCH

Charles Steggall (1826-1905)



Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.

For God, the living God,
Stooped down to share our state;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.

Words: G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)

The Blessing

The president blesses the people:

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon

Go in the peace of Christ Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!_____

All

³ *Choir and Congregation*

Thanks be to God, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!_____

Organ Voluntary

Tocatta

John Sanders (1933-2003)

Please remain standing as the ministers depart.

Music Notes

The music before today's service is by Frank Martin, the Swiss composer. Originally composed as part of his mass for double choir, he transcribed it for organ in 1966. The piece has an ever-present rhythmic pedal line sitting underneath a sombre, lyrical melody. This morning's closing voluntary was written by John Sanders, organist of Gloucester Cathedral from 1967 to 1994. His Tocatta is one of only two pieces he composed for organ. The manuals provide an energetic accompaniment for the forceful pedal melody underneath, building up to a dramatic close.

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8.15am: Eucharist

10.30am: Said Eucharist - Thursdays only

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