



The Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28th April
at 11.15am

President: The Revd Canon Kate Moore
Preacher: The Revd Rachel Summers

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.

Today we celebrate and mark the **30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood.**

Music. The mass is sung to the Missa Brevis by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1526-1594). The choir is directed by Thomas Corns, the Interim 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. Baptised children who receive communion must do so with their adult carer. 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

Air (from Suite for organ)

Florence Price (1887-1953)

The Gathering

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

Hymn (NEH 206)

HAREWOOD

S. S. Wesley 1816-1876



Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled;
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

Anon Latin, tr John Chandler (1806-1876)

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are everlasting.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my soul and deliver me;
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.

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.**

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

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.

All



A - men.

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Psalm 22 (24-30)

24. My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship you.
25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, they shall praise you:
To those who seek God I say: "May your heart live for ever!"
26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all families of the nations shall bow down before you.
27. For yours is the royal power O God;
you rule over all the nations.
28. All they who live on the earth shall feast and shall worship;
And all who go down to the dust will kneel before you.
29. My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.
30. They shall come and make known your righteousness
to a people yet unborn the deeds that you have done.

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Choir Alleluia, I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Deacon Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



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.'

Deacon Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Revd Rachel Summers

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.

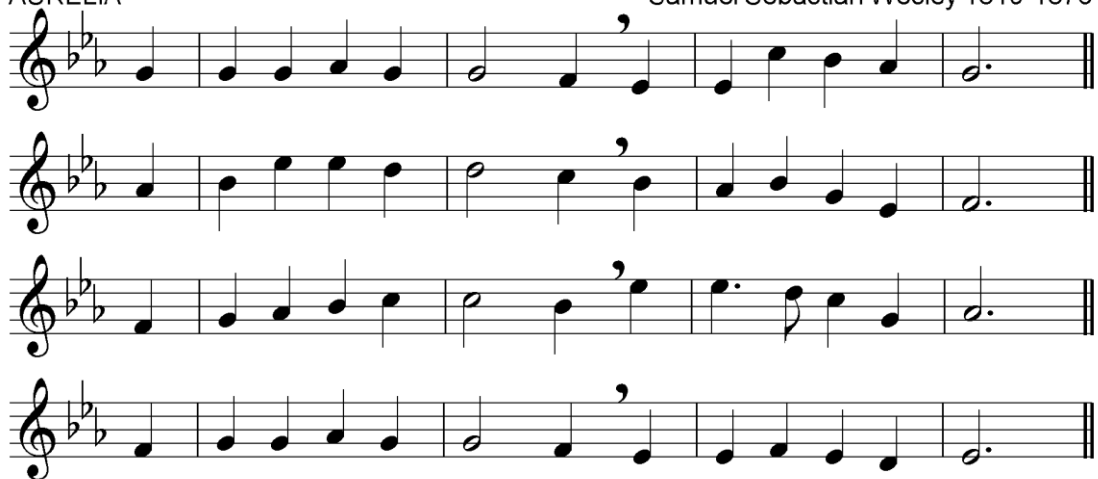
All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

Hymn

AURELIA Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876



The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked but still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey, where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

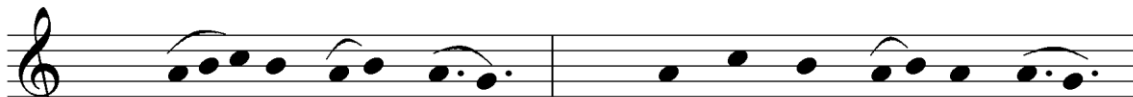
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Please remain standing.

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.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.



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

The president continues

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour gave 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.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

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

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

*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

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi
amor. Exultemus, et in ipso
iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus
Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero. Amen.

*Where charity and love are, there is
God. The love of Christ has brought us
together into one flock. Let us rejoice
and let us be glad in that love itself. Let
us fear and love the living God, and let
us love from a pure heart. Amen.*

Words: Maundy Thursday Hymn

Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

We remain sitting for the communion hymn.

Hymn



Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigour of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Carl P Daw, Jr (b 1944)
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Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

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.

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.**

The Dismissal

Please stand

Hymn

NETTLETON

Anon.



Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation:
 thus far by thy help I've come,
 and I hope, by thy compassion,
 safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 wandering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger,
 interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
 daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
 bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 prone to leave the God I love;
 take my heart, O take and seal it,
 seal it for thy courts above!

Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

The Blessing

The president blesses the people

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

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

Prelude in F major

Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

Please remain standing as the ministers depart.

Music Notes

Price's music, although grounded in the Western compositional tradition, often employs harmonies and idioms drawn from jazz, blues, and spirituals. The alluring third movement of her Suite for organ, "Air", is packed with lavish chromatic and extended harmony.

Whilst being the only extant organ work by Fanny Mendelssohn, this piece clearly demonstrates her compositional talent. In her Prelude in F major, full chords of up to nine parts alternate with passages in a more conservative, imitative four part texture. Allegedly composed for her own wedding in 1829, the Prelude emerged when her brother Felix's promised processional failed to materialise in time for the occasion.

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