

CHELMSFORD  
**CATHEDRAL**



***The Holy Eucharist***  
***The Fifth Sunday of Easter***

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May*  
*at 11.15am*

*President: The Very Revd Jessica Martin*  
*Preacher: The Revd Andy Griffiths*

**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 Communion Service in F by Harold Darke (1888-1976). 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:**

Resurgam  
(Plainsong Preludes)

*Alec Rowley (1892-1958)*

# The Gathering

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

## Processional Hymn

FULDA

William Gardiner in *Sacred Melodies* 1815



We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the Cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Words: Edward J. Burns (b. 1938)

## 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:*

## **The Gloria**

*GLORY be to God on high,  
and in 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, Jesu 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,  
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**

*President* Let us pray.

*We keep a moment of quiet prayer.*

**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.

*All*



**A - men.**

# ***The Liturgy of the Word***

## **The First Reading** *Acts 7.55-60*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sings the Psalm.*

### **Psalm 31.1-5**

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion,  
deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest  
save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : be thou also my guide, and  
lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art  
my strength.

## The Second Reading

*1 Peter 2.2-10*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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*        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 14.1-14

Deacon The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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



Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## The Sermon

*The Revd Andy Griffiths*

*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

ST FULBERT

Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,  
crushing the serpent's head;  
and cries aloud through death's domains  
to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey  
at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
to him all power is given;  
to him in one communion bow  
all saints in earth and heaven.

While we his soldiers praise our King,  
is mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,  
while endless ages run.  
*Alleluia. Amen.*

Words: Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028), tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866), R. Campbell (1814-1868)

*Please remain standing.*

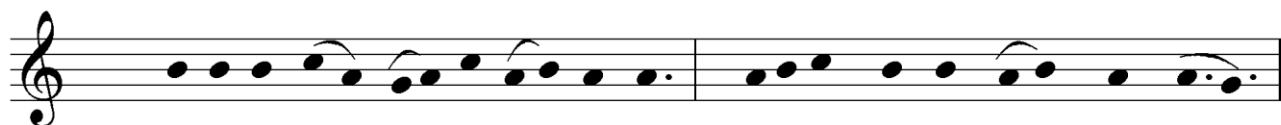
## The Eucharistic Prayer



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:*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh 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

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy 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

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth as ends all strife: Such a Life as Killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast as mends in length: Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy as none can move:  
Such a Love as none can part: Such a Heart as joys in love.

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)*

*Music: David Cooper (1949-2008)*

*We remain seated for the Communion hymn.*

## Hymn

BREAD OF HEAVEN

William Dalrymple Maclagan (1826-1910)



Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
to thy Cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Words: Josiah Conder (1798-1855)

## Prayer after Communion

*President* Let us pray.

*We keep a moment of quiet prayer.*

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.

*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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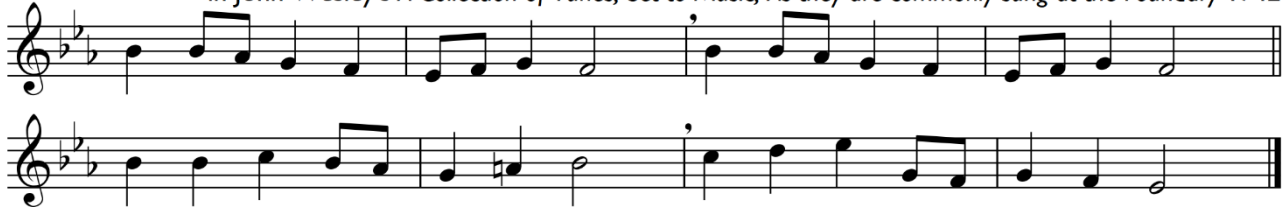
# The Dismissal

Please stand.

Hymn

SAVANNAH

Melody from Herrnhut collection, c. 1740  
in John Wesley's *A Collection of Tunes, Set to Music, As they are commonly sung at the Foundary 1742*



Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## The Blessing

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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*



Thanks be to God, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - - - lu - - ia!\_\_\_

### Organ Voluntary

Pæan  
(Plainsong Preludes)

*Alec Rowley (1892-1958)*

*Please remain standing as the ministers depart.*

### Music Notes

Today's voluntaries are a pair written by Alec Rowley, the English organist and composer. Resurgam (I shall rise again) is the first of the set, both written on small sections of plainsong). The theme is weaved through various rich harmonies, rising to a grand peak before coming to a calming close. The music after the service, and the second of the set, is Rowley's Pæan. Opening with a swift flourish, the piece expands on the plainsong theme with passion and exploring various different keys, a feature of many of Rowley's compositions, before repeating the opening flourish to finish the piece.

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9.30am: Sung Eucharist

11.15am: Choral Eucharist

3.30pm: Choral Evensong

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7.45am: Morning Prayer

8.15am: Eucharist

10.30am: Said Eucharist - Thursdays only

5.15pm: Choral Evensong - Thursdays & Fridays

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Plainsong Evensong - Wednesdays

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