

CHELMSFORD  
**CATHEDRAL**



***The Holy Eucharist***  
***The Seventh Sunday of Easter***

*Sunday 17 May*  
*at 11.15am*

*President: The Revd Olivia Maxfield-Cooté*  
*Preacher: The Revd Patrick Sherring*

**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 E 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 Notes**

This morning's final voluntary is a Fugue in G major written by Hubert Parry to compliment his earlier Fantasia of 1877, the final revision of the complete work culminating in 1913. The considerable technical demands of the piece were borne in mind of the work's dedicatee, Sir Walter Parratt, organist at St George's Chapel, Windsor and Parry's colleague at the Royal College of Music. Whilst a highly accomplished exercise in contrapuntal writing adhering strictly to an academic fugal structure, the development of the subject in Parry's own harmonic language, one infused with the rich intensity and chromaticism found in the music of Brahms and Wagner, ensure the work's distinct character.

# The Gathering

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

## Processional Hymn

REPTON

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918) from the oratorio *Judith*



Be present, Spirit of the Lord,  
let sounds of earth be dumb;  
the Father's love be shed abroad,  
the dew of blessing on us poured:  
*O silent Spirit, come!*

2 In power unseen upon us rest,  
your gracious gifts impart:  
a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,  
a life where Christ is manifest,  
*an understanding heart.*

3 Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,  
our souls to Christ incline,  
intent to do the Father's will  
and stand by faith before him still  
*in righteousness divine.*

4 O Spirit come, and with us stay;  
make every heart your home.  
So work in us that we who pray  
may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:  
*O Holy Spirit, come!*

*Words Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)*

## 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* The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
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.*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
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 1.6–14*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 68, 1-10, 32-35

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered : let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name jah, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people : when thou wentest through the wilderness;

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God : even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance : and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord;

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people; blessed be God.

## The Second Reading

*1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel procession.*

### Gospel Acclamation



*Choir*        Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*All*        **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Choir*        Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.  
Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

*All*        **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## The Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

Deacon The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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



After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

## The Sermon

*The Revd Patrick Sherring*

*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 join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

*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* God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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

DIADEMATA

George Job Elvey (1816-1893)



Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of Love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

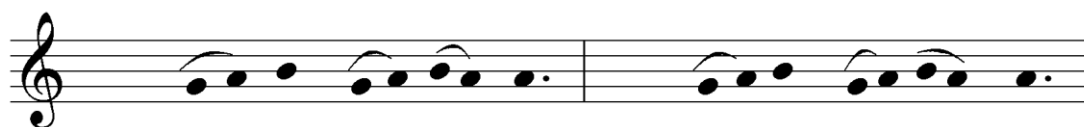
Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light,  
where everlasting waves  
reflect his throne-the Infinite!  
who lives-and loves-and saves.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Please remain standing.

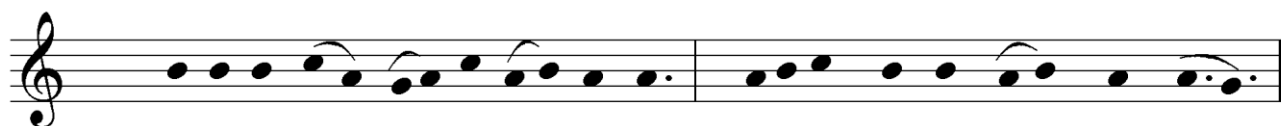
## The Eucharistic Prayer



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,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,

evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer

as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,

the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing

as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

*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

My soul, there is a country  
Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a wingèd sentry  
All skilful in the wars:

2. There, above noise and danger,  
Sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,  
And One born in a manger  
Commands the beauteous files.

3. He is thy gracious Friend,  
And—O my soul, awake!—  
Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.

4. If thou canst get but thither,  
There grows the flower of Peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither,  
Thy fortress, and thy ease.

5. Leave then thy foolish ranges;  
For none can thee secure  
But One who never changes—  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

*Words: Henry Vaughan (1621-1695)*

*Music: C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)*

*We remain seated for the Communion hymn.*

## Hymn

CARLISLE

Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)



Breathe on me, Breath of God  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

## Prayer after Communion

*President* Let us pray.

*We keep a moment of quiet prayer.*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good  
news we proclaim; 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.

## Notices

### **The Dismissal**

### Hymn

ST HELEN

George Clement Martin (1844-1916)



Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
we in worship join with them.



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8am: Said Eucharist (BCP)

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

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