

Chelmsford Cathedral



***The Eucharist
On the Fourth Sunday of Easter***

*Sunday 25th April 2021
at 10.30am*

*President: Canon Alison Kennedy
Preacher: The Rev'd Tim Goodbody*

You are warmly welcomed to the Eucharist at Chelmsford Cathedral. Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. It is also Vocations Sunday.

Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off.

Hearing Aids: There is a loop system installed throughout the church. If you are a hearing aid user, please turn it to **T**.

Music: The music today is sung by the Cathedral Choir, directed by James Davy, Organist and Master of the Choristers. The organist is Hilary Punnett, Assistant Organist and Director of the Girls' Choir. The mass setting is by Herbert Sumsion (1899 - 1995). Please feel free to join in at home with the singing of the hymns.

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Receiving communion: You are invited to receive communion (in one kind – the bread) at your seat. Please hold out your hands to receive and the bread will be placed in your hands.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to one of the stewards.

If the alarm sounds, please exit the Cathedral and, if safe, assemble at the rear of the Shire Hall in the South Eastern corner of the churchyard. Please leave your belongings until it is safe to collect them.

Rubrics: Please stand or sit as is comfortable for you.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith and the life of the Christian community in this place please speak to Canon Imogen Nay, ring 01245 294486 or visit us at chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk.

Do join us for Zoom coffee after the service. Meeting ID: 894 9109 5348; passcode: 631194, *(contact Yvonne Spence for more details).*

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Music before the Service

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Georg Böhm (1661 – 1733)

¶ **The Gathering**

Before the celebration begins, the congregation is welcomed.

Hymn (ONC 249)

We sit as the choir sings the hymn. Please feel free to join in at home.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! ...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! ...

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: Great is thy Faithfulness

Please stand

The Greeting

The President says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All and also with you.

The Easter Acclamation

The President says

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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



Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

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.

Silence is kept for a short while.

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

Lord, have mercy:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Christ, have mercy:

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The President says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The choir sings

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou that takest away the sins of the world have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only art the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The President sings Let us pray. *The congregation, still standing, remains for a short time in silent prayer, after which the President prays:*

O God of lasting love,
fulfil your plan of salvation
to gather into one fold
the peoples of the whole world.
Let everyone on earth
recognize your Christ as the Good Shepherd,
who freely lays down his life for all
to take it up again in power.
Grant this through Jesus Christ,
the resurrection and the life,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

Please sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

1 Peter 2 v 19 - end

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.

All The Lord is my strength and my song
he has become my salvation.

Psalm 23

Please remain seated as the choir sings

James Davy



The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

Response: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.

Response: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

Response: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Choir

Organ: All: Choir: *f*

Praise to you, O Christ. Al - le -

4 All: *ff*

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Please sit

The Sermon

The Rev'd Tim Goodbody, Diocesan Director of Ordinands

Music after the Sermon

Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag, BWV 629

J S Bach (1685 – 1750)

Please stand

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The President says

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Please sit or kneel. This response is used after each bidding

Lord of compassion,
All **In your mercy, hear us.**

After the final bidding the President says

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

The Peace

The President says

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.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please sit

Offertory Hymn

Now let us from this table rise,
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
His selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then give us courage, living God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

*Text: Fred Kaan (b.1929)
Tune: Solothurn (NEH 191)*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

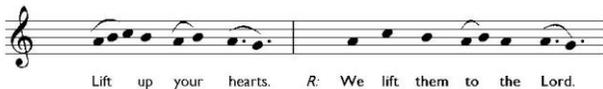
The President says

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Eucharistic Prayer



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.

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.

The Deacon says

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread saying

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 Agnus Dei, during which the bread is broken

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Giving of Communion

The President says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The body of Christ. The blood of Christ.

Those in the Cathedral receive communion (from their seats). Please indicate if you wish to receive Communion by holding out your hands. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

Spiritual Communion

If you are worshipping online, while the priest receives communion, you are invited to use this prayer of spiritual communion wherever you are.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Motet

During Communion the choir sings

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluia: Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt et dicent, alleluia. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ei us. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

I saw water flowing from the temple, on the right side, alleluia: And all to whom that water came have been saved, and they will say, alleluia. Worship the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words: From Ezekiel 47 and Psalm 118

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548 – 1611)

Prayer after Communion

The President says Let us pray. A moment of silence is kept. The President then says the Post Communion 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 **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please stand

¶ The Dismissal

The Blessing

The President blesses the people

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 among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon sings



Go in the peace of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - - - lu - ia. _____
Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - - - lu - ia. _____

Organ Voluntary

Prelude, Fugue & Ciaconne in C major
BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Music Notes

The organ music before the service, by German Baroque composer Georg Böhm, is based on the Easter chorale (or hymn), *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, which translates as 'Christ lay in death's bonds'. Böhm had an influence on the young J. S. Bach, whose short prelude on *Erschienen ist der herrlich tag*, which translates to 'Appeared is the splendid day', can be heard after the sermon.

Dietrich Buxtehude was also an influence on J. S. Bach, and is regarded as the 'father' of the North German organ school. His *Prelude, Fugue & Ciaconne in C major*, which is heard after the service, begins with a declamatory pedal solo, and finishes with a joyful 'ciaconne', which is a set of dance-like variations over the same harmonic progression.

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7.45am: Morning Prayer

5.15pm: Evensong on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Evening Prayer on Wednesdays & Saturdays

On Sundays, you can also join us for:

8.45am: Breakfast with the Bible

(available via zoom, contact Canon Imogen Nay for the link)

10.30am: Eucharist

11.30am: Zoom Coffee

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passcode: 631194, contact Yvonne Spence for details)*

3.30pm: Evensong

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