



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Eucharist 3rd Sunday of Easter

**18th April, 2021
at 10.00am**

President:

Canon Sarah Fenby

Preacher:

The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford

THE GATHERING

Hymn

- 1 Easter glory fills the sky!
Christ now lives, no more to die!
Darkness has been put to flight
by the Living Lord of light! Alleluia!
- 2 See the stone is rolled away
from the tomb where once he lay!
He has risen as he said!
glorious Firstborn from the dead!
Alleluia!
- 3 Seek not life within the tomb;
Christ stands in the glorious bloom!
Risen glory he conceals
risen Body he reveals! Alleluia!
- 4 Christ the Victor over death,
breathes on us the Spirit's breath!
Paradise is our reward,
endless Easter with our Lord!
Alleluia!

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THE GATHERING

Greeting

The President says

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Opening Responses

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

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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.

*After a short silence, each sentence is said and
the congregation respond*

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Absolution

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. **Amen.**

All stand

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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, 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.

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Collect

The President says

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge
of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually
in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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New Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
3. 12-19

When Peter saw the lame man he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.'

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this

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way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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- 1 O risen Christ, still wounded,
triumphant, broken Life,
whose glory holds within it
the scars of human strife.
- 2 O risen Christ, still feeding
with fish and bread and wine,
whose care becomes incarnate
when word and deed combine.
- 3 So may your Church be mindful
of every human need,
to nourish souls and bodies
and hungry hearts to feed.
- 4 O risen Christ, still reigning,
to let Love's power be shown,
you took our human nature
and made a cross your throne.
- 5 Convert your Church from thinking
that worldly power is good;
awake us to discover
true strength in servanthood.

Carl P Daw, Jr (born 1944)

KNECHT

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Justin Knecht (1752-1817)

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said 'All who see the Son and believe
in him may have eternal life;

and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 24. 36b-48

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among his disciples and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand

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the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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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.**

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**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.**

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Prayers of Intercession

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

*After each petition
the following response may be used*

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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!

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

Preparation of the Altar

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

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

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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 cantor sings

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.

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The President continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread,
gave it to them and said:
Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended
he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:
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.

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So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his
sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice
and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ,
and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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Breaking of the Bread

The President says

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

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

Giving of Communion

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia!

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Agnus Dei

The cantor sings

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.

Communion Motet

He shall feed his flock

*G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)*

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Post Communion Prayer

The President says

Let us pray.

Living God, your Son made himself known
to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him
in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love
Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe
the gate of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in rising from the grave
has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord
breathed into his disciples,
empower you
and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the name of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

Hymn

- 1 The Lord is risen indeed:
now is his work performed;
now is the mighty captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.
- 2 The Lord is risen indeed;
then hell has lost his prey;
with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.
- 3 The Lord is risen indeed:
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame he bore.
- 4 Then take your golden lyres,
and strike each cheerful chord;
join, all ye bright celestial choirs,
to sing our risen Lord.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

NARENZA

W H Havergal (1793-1870)

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