



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist



Second Sunday of Easter

12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

11.00am

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# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Eucharist

We are grateful to the choir of St Francis, Welwyn Garden City, for singing this service today

The Choral Setting is  
Francis Jackson (1917-2022), Communion Service in G

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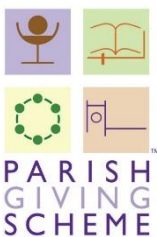
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Cover Image: The Resurrection, from the Corona Redemption window

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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death to-day rose triumphing.

*Alleluia!*

<sup>2</sup>That Easter morn, at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

*Alleluia!*

<sup>3</sup>An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat, and spake unto the three,  
'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.

*Alleluia!*

<sup>4</sup>That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, 'My peace be on all here.'

*Alleluia!*

<sup>5</sup>When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.

*Alleluia!*

<sup>6</sup>My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;  
my hands, my feet I show to thee;  
not faithless, but believing be.'

*Alleluia!*

<sup>7</sup>No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.

*Alleluia!*

<sup>8</sup>How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith hath constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.

*Alleluia!*

<sup>9</sup>On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise,

*Alleluia!*

Words: Jean Tisserand (d. 1494)  
Trans: John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE

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*The President says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Deacon introduces*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

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.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*The President says*

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. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

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**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

*Acts 2.14a, 22-32*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a

prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 16*

Preserve me, O God :  
for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord :  
Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth :  
and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god :  
shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer :  
neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup :  
thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground :  
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning :  
my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me :  
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced :  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell :  
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy :  
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

*Stand as the cantor sings and we respond*



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al le - lu - ia.

Alleluia, 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. **Alleluia.**

## **The Gospel**

*John 20.19-end*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a Gospel fanfare*

*Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit*

**Sermon** The Archdeacon of Canterbury

*After the Sermon, a few moments of silence are kept as we reflect on what we have heard and then the choir sings*

## **The Motet**

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are: for the love of whom you do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

*Words:* Sarum antiphon for the dedication of a church

*Music:* William Harris (1883-1973)

*Please stand*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*The President says*

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

**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.**

*Kneel or sit for*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*One of these responses is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

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

# **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

## **The Peace**

*Stand*

*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. Alleluia.

**And also with you. Alleluia.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation may greet one another with a sign of peace. Remain standing to sing*

**The Offertory Hymn** *during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. If you would prefer to give electronically, please use the QR code.*



The Lamb's high banquet we await  
In snow-white robes of royal state,  
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,  
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

<sup>2</sup>Upon the altar of the Cross  
His Body has redeemed our loss,  
And tasting of his precious Blood,  
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

<sup>3</sup>That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,  
The devastating angel spared;  
By strength of hand our hosts went free  
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

<sup>4</sup>Now Christ our Passover is slain,  
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,  
And he, the true unleavened Bread,  
Is truly our oblation made.

<sup>5</sup>For Christ, arising from the dead,  
From conquered hell victorious sped,  
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,  
And Paradise for man regains.

<sup>6</sup>Maker of all, to thee we pray,  
Fulfil in us thy joy today;  
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we  
May share thy Paschal victory.

<sup>7</sup>To thee who, dead, again dost live,  
All glory, Lord, thy people give,  
All glory to the Father be  
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

Words: Latin, probably 7<sup>th</sup> Century  
Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

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*The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts*

Creator of all,

You wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this through the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The 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.  
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*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high, Amen.

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*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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:

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

## The Lord's Prayer

*The President says*

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Notre Père...*

*Vater Unser...*

*Onze Vader...*

*Padre Nuestro...*

*Ojczy Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*Πάτερ ἡμῶν*

*Remain standing for*

## Breaking of the Bread

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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.**

*The President says*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Sit as the President and other ministers begin*

## The Distribution of Communion

*Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own church are encouraged to receive today. If you are accompanied by children who do not yet receive, please bring them with you to receive a blessing. They must not be left on their own.*

*If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host.***

*We request that **you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.*

*If you wish to receive communion without climbing the steps to the High Altar, please join the line for the station in the North-East Transept.*

*We keep a **prayerful silence** during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.*

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.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The President says*

Let us pray.

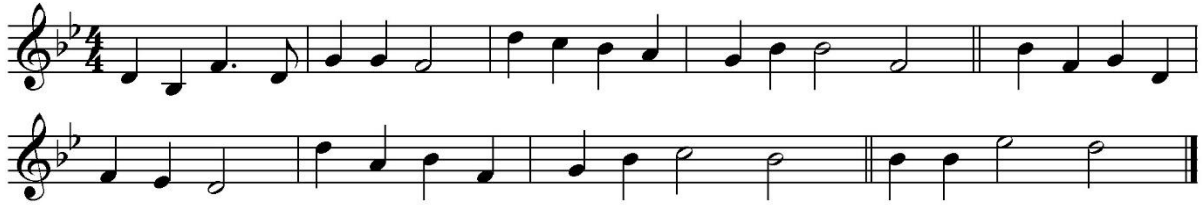
*Stand to pray in silence, before the President says*

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*All then say*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Dismissal



Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
can, O death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
*Alleluia!*

<sup>3</sup>Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then, alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving.  
*Alleluia!*

<sup>2</sup>Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal:  
this shall calm our trembling breath,  
when we pass its gloomy portal.  
*Alleluia!*

<sup>4</sup>Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
naught from us his love shall sever;  
life nor death nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
*Alleluia!*

<sup>5</sup>Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given:  
may we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
*Alleluia!*

Words: Christian Gellert (1715-69)  
Tr Frances Cox (1812-97)

Tune: ST ALBINUS

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*The President says*

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. **Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

## Organ Voluntary

**Tea and coffee will be served in the Clagett Auditorium following this morning's Eucharist. All are very welcome.**

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8.00am	Holy Communion	Daily
9.15am	Morning Prayer	Saturday & Sunday
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Sunday
12.30pm	Holy Communion	Wednesday
12.30pm	Taizé Prayer (In Choir Term)	Monday
5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Daily

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**Are you concerned about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult?**

**Or is there something that you would like to discuss that affects you?**

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