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# Sung Eucharist



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

11.00am

Quire

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

The Choral Setting is  
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-94),  
Missa Æterna Christi munera

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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

<sup>2</sup>O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

<sup>3</sup>Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

<sup>4</sup>From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

<sup>5</sup>Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

<sup>6</sup>For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912)  
Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Tune: CRUCIFER

AM 707

*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**

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*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**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus  
te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui  
tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God,  
heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord  
God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you  
are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone  
are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

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. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*Acts 11.1-18*

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?'

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 148.1-6*

O praise the Lord of heaven :  
praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his :  
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon :  
praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens :  
and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord :  
for he spake the word, and they were made;  
he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever :  
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

*Stand as the cantor sings and we respond*



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 13.31-35*

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.**

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 Reverend A P Dodd, Canon Treasurer

*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**

Ego sum panis vitae.  
Patres vestri manducaverunt  
manna in deserto, et mortui sunt.  
Hic est panis de coelo descendens:  
si quis ex ipso manducaverit, non  
moriatur.

*I am that bread of life.  
Your fathers did eat manna in the  
wilderness, and are dead.  
This is the bread which comes down  
from heaven: that a man may eat  
thereof, and not die.*

*Words: John 6.48-50*

*Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-94)*

*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*

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

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.*



*When the Thurifer turns to bow to the congregation, all turn to the altar*



Thou art the Christ, O Lord,  
the Son of God most high:  
for ever be adored  
that name in earth and sky,  
in which, though mortal strength  
may fail,  
the saints of God at last prevail.

<sup>2</sup>O surely he was blest  
with blessedness unpriced,  
who, taught of God, confessed  
the Godhead in the Christ;  
for of thy church, Lord, thou didst  
own  
thy saint a true foundation-stone.

<sup>3</sup>Thrice fallen, thrice restored,  
the bitter lesson learnt,  
that heart for thee, O Lord,  
with triple ardour burnt.  
The cross he took he laid not down  
until he grasped the martyr's  
crown.

<sup>4</sup>O bright triumphant faith,  
O courage void of fears,  
O love most strong in death,  
O penitential tears!  
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,  
and make us go where thou shalt  
call.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-97)

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

AM 321



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

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.

**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*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
In nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
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...*

*Ojcie Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*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 who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. 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.*

*During Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The President says*

Let us pray

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

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.

**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



Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

<sup>2</sup>The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup>Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.

<sup>4</sup>Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

<sup>5</sup>Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

<sup>6</sup>For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: SONG 34 (ANGELS' SONG)

AM 476

*The President says*

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. **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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7.30am	Morning Prayer	Monday-Friday
8.00am	Holy Communion	Daily
9.15am	Morning Prayer	Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Sunday
12.30pm	Holy Communion	Wednesday
12.30pm	Taizé Prayer	Monday (see Music List)
5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Daily (said Thursday, with Silence)

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

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