



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Sung Eucharist



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

11.00am

Quire

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

The Choral Setting is  
Jonathan Dove (b. 1959), Missa Brevis

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# The Gathering

*A welcome is offered*

*Stand to sing*



Living God, your word has called us,  
summoned us to live by grace,  
make us one in hope and vision,  
as we gather in this place.  
Take our searching, take our praising,  
take the silence of our prayer,  
offered up in joyful worship,  
springing from the love we share.

<sup>2</sup>Living God, your love has called us  
in the name of Christ your Son,  
forming us to be his body,  
by your Spirit making one.  
Working, laughing, learning, growing,  
old and young and black and white,  
gifts and skills together sharing,  
in your service all unite.

<sup>3</sup>Living God, your hope has called us  
to the world that you have made,  
teaching us to live for others,  
humble, joyful, unafraid.  
Give us eyes to see your presence,  
joy in laughter, hope in pain.  
In our loving, in our living,  
give us strength that Christ may reign.

*Words:* Jan Berry (b. 1953)

*Tune:* BLAENWERN

AM 366 (t. 337)

*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 7.55-60*

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 31.1-6*

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust :  
let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me :  
make haste to deliver me.

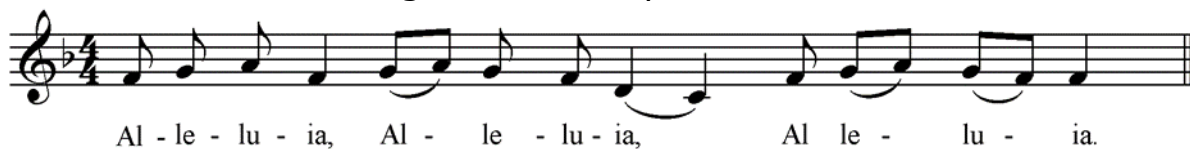
And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence :  
that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle :  
be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me :  
for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit :  
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

*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 14.1-14*

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.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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 Dr E L Pennington, Canon Missioner

*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**

Ave, verum corpus natum  
ex Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.  
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,  
O Jesu Fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
you who truly suffered and were  
sacrificed on the cross for the sake of  
man: from whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.  
O sweet Jesus, O merciful Jesus,  
Son of Mary.  
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

*Words: 14<sup>th</sup> century Eucharistic hymn*

*Music: Matthew Martin (b. 1976)*

*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*



Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;  
come into the daylight's splendour,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded:  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

<sup>2</sup>Now I sink before thee lowly,  
filled with joy most deep and holy,  
as with trembling awe and wonder  
on thy mighty works I ponder:  
how, by mystery surrounded,  
depths no mortal ever sounded,  
none may dare to pierce unbidden  
secrets that with thee are hidden.

<sup>3</sup>Sun, who all my life dost brighten,  
light, who dost my soul enlighten,  
joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth;  
fount, whence all my being floweth;  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessèd food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited:  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

*Words: German, Johann Franck (1618-77)  
Tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

*Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH*

*AM 440*

*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...*

*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.*

*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



Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.  
Alleluia.

<sup>2</sup>O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia.

<sup>3</sup>They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.  
Alleluia.

<sup>7</sup>So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
Alleluia.

<sup>4</sup>O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia.

<sup>5</sup>Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.  
Alleluia.

<sup>6</sup>Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia.

Words: George K A Bell (1883-1958)

Tune: VULPIUS

AM 486

*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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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

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