



The Cathedral
Eucharist
on
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 2 May, 2021

10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
Canon Rowena Pailing
Vice Dean and Canon Missioner

The Preacher is
The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Deacon is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Canon Precentor

The Subdeacon is
Mihaela Mladin

The service is sung by the
Girl choristers of the Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music

The setting for the service is
Holy Communion setting in F by Harold Darke (1888 -1976)

*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by Canon Gary O'Neill*

Claire de Lune

Prelude
Louis Vierne (1870 -1937)



The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter.

Processional

The choir alone sings

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
then thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) alt.

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The Greeting

The president greets the people

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.

The president introduces the celebration

The Prayer of Preparation

**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 Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

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.

The Gloria

The choir sings

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, Jesus 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 the Most High, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

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.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

Acts Reading

(Acts 8.26-40)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Read by Gary Wignall.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(22.25-31)

The choir sings

My praise is of thee in the great congregation :
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied :
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him;
your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves,
and be turned unto the Lord :
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's :
and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth :
have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him :
and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him :
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of John.

(1 John 4.7-21)

Read by Ayodele Adebayo.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Gospel acclamation

The cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the true vine,
His father is the vine-grower.
He abides in us; and calls us to abide in him.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

The deacon says

(John 15.1-8)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the eleven, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Dean

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.

Please stand with the president for

The 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.**

**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.**

The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Karen Kennedy

Please sit down or kneel for the prayers.

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray today for those who are sick at home or in hospital:

Martyn Strickett, Jordan Hudson, Lynn Martin, Sue Penfold,

Tara, Elizabeth Gauge, Jim Holden

for those who mourn, and remember those who have recently died:

Margaret Huddleston, Denis Cunliffe, Eric Groves

for those whose anniversaries fall this week:

Doris Smith, William Hewitt, James Smith' Roy Stevens, Ruby Lucas,

Robert Haworth, Eliza Stirrup, William Pinder, Steven Anderson,

Annabella Olive Brierley, Harry Holden, Betty Roberts, Andrew Milloy

And at the end

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

Please stand with the president for the peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. **and also with you. Alleluia!**

Please do not physically pass the peace and please do not move from your seat.

Please sit down

While we are still following the safety protocols concerning the pandemic, no collection will be taken at this point.

If you are a UK tax payer and not a member of the Cathedral Stewardship Scheme, please use and sign the blue gift aid forms provided by the collection point near the entrance to the building.

Preparation of the Table

[This was completed before the service began]

The choir alone sings

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

Please stand

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

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.
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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 Mary, Paul and 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language, as our Saviour taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieus ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ،الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ...
Têve Mūsū, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Giving of Communion

The president says

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The body of Christ.
Amen.

Please stay standing in front of your chair and communion will be brought to you.

Once you have received communion, or if you do not wish to receive on this occasion, please sit down.

Communion is in one kind only,
and no words of administration or reply are used
– communion takes place silently.

During communion

The choir sings

“I am the vine and ye are the branches,”
Bear precious fruit for Jesus today;
branches in him no fruit ever bearing,
Jesus hath said, “He taketh away.”

*“I am the vine and ye are the branches;
I am the vine, be faithful and true;
ask what ye will, your pray’r shall be granted;
The Father loved me, so I have loved you.”*

“Now ye are clean thru words I have spoken,
living in me, much fruit ye shall bear;
dwelling in you, my promise unbroken,
glory in heav’n with me ye shall share.”

Yes, by your fruits the world is to know you,
walking in love as children of day;
follow your guide, he passeth before you,
leading to realms of glorious day.

Knowles Shaw (1834-78)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray

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.

**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.**

Please stand

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Organ Voluntary

Tuba Tune

Norman Cocker (1889-1953)

The president and ministers will leave immediately.

Please follow them without sitting down, unless you are listening to the voluntary,
in which case please remain in your place until it finishes,
but please do not talk with other people.

We are now discouraging people from gathering in groups outside after Sunday
worship so the clergy and ministers will not wait around.

Please take your service paper home with you.
If you leave it behind it cannot be touched

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Flowers today are given by Jill and Michael Dimmock in celebration of their
wedding anniversary

This afternoon

4.00pm **Choral Evensong** (*Boy choristers*)

Prelude *Plymouth Suite* Percy Whitlock (1903-46)
 ii. *Lantana*
 iii. *Chanty*
 iv. *Salix*

Noble in B minor Responses *Clucas*
O Lord, increase me faith - Loosemore Psalm 96

Voluntary *Scherzetto from Sonata in C Minor* Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

Next Sunday

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament reading Acts 10. 44-48
Psalm 98
New Testament reading I John 5. 1-6
Gospel Reading John 15.9-17

Monday 3 May

9.00am Morning Prayer
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 4 May

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm **Choral Evensong** (*Girl choristers*)

Stanford in B-flat

Close thine eyes - Plumstead

Responses Bertalot
Psalm 74

Wednesday 5 May

8.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm **Choral Evensong** (*Boy choristers*)

Gibbons (short service)

O mysterium ineffabile - Laloutette

Responses Radcliffe
Psalm 119.81-104

Thursday 6 May

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm **Choral Evensong** (*Boy choristers*)

Howells Collegium Regale

From the rising of the sun - Ousley

Responses Radcliffe
Psalm 78.40-end

Friday 7 May

8.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm **Choral Evensong** (*Boy choristers*)

Stanford in C

Salvator Mundi - Tallis

Responses Radcliffe
Psalm 69

Saturday 8 May

9.00am *Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c. 1417*
Morning Prayer with Eucharist

Sunday 9 May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am **The Parish Eucharist**

10.30am **The Cathedral Eucharist** (*Boy choristers*)
Schubert in G

Greater love hath no man - Ireland

Psalm 98

4.00pm **Choral Evensong** (*Girl choristers*)

Stanford in B-flat

Locus iste - Bruckner

Responses Bertalot
Psalm 45

We are taking every care to follow appropriate social distancing good practice in this act of worship.

We now have the option to use either the NHS Test and Trace QR codes that are available in the building OR fill in a card registering your presence.

- There are cards and pens in the back of each chair; if you need to, please fill one in and place it and blue pen in the slot in the welcome desk. You can also take one home ready for your next visit.
- Face masks should be worn and the two-metre 'rule' applies.
- Please go straight to a seat and remain there for the service.
- If you have arrived on your own today, please take a single chair. Double chairs are for partners and bubbles.
- There will be no corporate singing – there will be choir and some solo singing – please do not join in!
- If you missed the point for the collection, please give as you leave.
- The communion table is prepared before the service begins.
- Communion will be in one kind only.
 - Please remain standing to receive if you are able or remain sitting to receive and extend your hand. No words are spoken.
 - After receiving please sit down.
- After the blessing and dismissal please remain standing, and follow the clergy and ministers out of the building, immediately.
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Please be in touch if you need us.

Thank you.

Keep safe.