

SECOND SUNDAY 7 April 2024 OF EASTER **CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST**



WELCOME

EASTERTIDE

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty day span. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song and the gold and white vestments along with the decoration of churches and fresh flowers after the austerity of Lent emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has, from the late fourth century, been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL SINGERS

We welcome Guildford Cathedral Singers, directed by John Bawden and thank them very much for providing the music for this service.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and the response to the Psalm and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND ANOINTING

If you would like to receive prayer for healing and anointing with oil near the end of the service, please make your way to the Lady Chapel after you have received Holy Communion or a blessing.

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Guildford Cathedral. If you would like to support this work on a regular basis it's very simple to set up a direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. The phone number is 0333 002 1271, and the Cathedral reference code is 170617001. One-off donations can be made using the Gift Aid envelopes or a contactless donation by using the contactless collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the West Doors of the Cathedral) or our QR code. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.

MASS SETTING

Missa Pastorale John Bawden (b. 1943)

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER The president this morning is Canon Chris Hollingshurst and the preacher is Canon Mavis Wilson.

Stand THE GATHERING

HYMN



Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem, cleave the skies with shouts of praise; sing to him who found the ransom, Ancient of eternal Days, God of God, the Word incarnate, whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains, formed of the seas, or built the sky, love eternal, free and boundless, moved the Lord of life to die, fore-ordained the Prince of princes for the throne of Calvary.

There, for us and our redemption, see him for all his life-blood pour! there he wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more; then, arising, lives for ever, reigning where he was before.

High on yon celestial mountains stands his sapphire throne, all bright, midst unending alleluias bursting from the sons of light; Zion's people tell his praises, victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your incense, sweep the string and pour the lay; let the earth proclaim his wonders, King of that celestial day; he the Lamb once slain is worthy, who was dead, and lives for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Words: J.Hupton (1762-1849) and J.M. Neale (1818-1866) Music: CP 409 Neander, Melody set to 'Unser Herrscher' in 'Alphs und Omega', Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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

Amen.

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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 nostrum; 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 on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father almighty. Only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; who takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; who sits at the right hand of the Father: have mercy upon us. For you alone are holy; you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High, lesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit FIRST READING Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21 read by Jan Collins

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots,

and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

The choir sings the response through once, which the congregation then repeats. All join in the response during the psalm, as indicated.



Mer-cy and truth are met to-ge-ther, righ-teous-ness and peace have kissed_each o-ther.

Behold how good and pleasant it is:

to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard: Even on Aaron's beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon :

running down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore. Response

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

SECOND READING Acts 4.32-35 read by Charles Martin

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as

many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir, and then sung by everybody. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.



Jesus said: You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 20.19-31

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



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.



Sit SERMON Canon Mavis Wilson

Stand 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

The president invites everyone to pray, saying

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

Sit or kneel

The bidding and response are

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In conclusion, the leader says

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand THE PEACE

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



Now is eternal life,
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and held within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

Man long in bondage lay, brooding o'er life's brief span; was it, O God, for naught, for naught, thou madest man? Thou art our hope, our vital breath; shall hope undying end in death?

And God, the living God, stooped down to man's estate; by death destroying death, Christ opened wide life's gate. He lives, who died; he reigns on high; who lives in him shall never die.



Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid in God with thee,
now and through all eternity.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

Music: CP 152 Christchurch, Charles SteggalL (1826-1905)

THE 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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth. God of power and might.
Pleni sunt caeli Heaven and earth are et terra gloria tua. full of your glory.
Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit Blessed is he who comes in nomine Domini. in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in excelsis. 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.



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:



Sit THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.

If you would like to receive prayer for healing and anointing with oil, please make your way to the Lady Chapel after you have received Holy Communion or a blessing. Please ask a steward for directions if you need them.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God,

qui tollis peccata mundi, who takes away the sin of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

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Agnus Dei, Lamb of God,

qui tollis peccata mundi, who takes away the sin of the world,

dona nobis pacem. grant us peace.

ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800) Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Stand PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray.

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.

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE BLESSING

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.

HYMN

During the hymn the procession moves to the West End of the Cathedral. As the procession passes you, please turn and face west. This movement signals the turn of our attention to Christ in the world as the offering of our lives continues there.



Through the night of doubt and sorrow onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.



Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim, stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence o'er his ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:

One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires:

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:

One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

Words: CP 605 (omit v. 7, 8) Bernhardt Severin Ingemann (1789-1862)

tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Music: CP 416 (ii) Marching, Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

THE DISMISSAL

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sortie (7 Sketches on verses from the Psalms) Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

We remain standing whilst the crucifer leads the choir along the South Aisle into the South Ambulatory, after which there are refreshments at the West End. You are welcome to listen to the voluntary or quietly make your way to the back of the Cathedral.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY SUNDAY 7 APRIL

7.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in the Lady Chapel
9.45am Cathedral Eucharist sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers
6pm Choral Evensong sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel 8am Tuesday 8.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am Saturday

Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel **8.30am** Tuesday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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9.45am Cathedral Eucharist sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers
6pm Choral Evensong sung by The Whyte Effect

TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE EUCHARIST

The next Choral Eucharist in traditional language (Common Worship Order Two) will be at 11.30am on Sunday 28 April.

GUILDFORD FOOD BANK

The next collection for the foodbank is TODAY, Sunday 7 April. They have particularly asked for washing-up liquid, baked beans, tinned soup, drinking chocolate and custard. Thank you very much for your donations.

POST BOX TOPPER EXHIBITION 16 APRIL TO 2 JUNE

This unique exhibition will bring together some wonderful examples of post box toppers from across the country.

COFFEE CONCERT THURSDAY 18 APRIL

Given by Jeanne and Theo Kalorkoti (xylophone and piano). The Cathedral is proud to host a series of daytime coffee concerts, featuring a variety of musical performers from solo instrumentalists to large choirs and catering for a wide range of musical tastes. Coffee is served from 10.30 am, with the concert starting at 11.15am and finishing at 12.00 noon. Entry is free.

TENORS AND BASSES NEEDED!

If you have enjoyed the music in the Cathedral today and are an experienced singer, then you may be interested to learn that Guildford Cathedral Singers (who sing these services about once a month) are looking for a few more tenors and basses to join them. You will need good musicality and sight reading skills – find out more at https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/music/singers.

VOLUNTEERS TO ADMINISTER THE CHALICE

We are in need of some more volunteers to help administer the chalice at Holy Communion services. This can be a particularly meaningful role for someone looking for a way to be more involved in worship. Canon Rachel will be running a training session on Sunday 21 April after the morning service, 11.15am-12.30pm, starting in the library. If you are interested or would like to discuss what it involves, please contact her by email (rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org).