

GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

The Eucharist of Easter Day

Sunday, 5 April
10.15 a.m.
The Nave

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Welcome

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral. There has been a place of worship on this site for over 1,300 years. Today, we join with the generations of people who have gone before us and with the whole company of heaven in the worship of God.

Today is the most important day in the Christian faith, because it is the day on which we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. After the desolation of Good Friday, when all seemed lost, we discover today that God is more powerful than death and that more can be mended than we know.

The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving', is perhaps the most important act of worship for Christians because it recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus, fulfilling his command at the Last Supper to remember him. Outwardly, the Eucharist takes the form of sharing bread and wine; inwardly, Christ is made present to us in a special way, and we are given a taste of the heavenly banquet, which God has prepared for those who love him.

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The service is sung by the Foundation Choir

*The musical setting of the Eucharist is
A GLOUCESTERSHIRE MASS by Neil Cox*

*The president and preacher is the Bishop of Gloucester
The Right Reverend Rachel Treweek*

¶ *The Gathering*

At 10.15 a.m., the congregation stands to sing the processional hymn

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Alleluia'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on the first three staves, and the fourth staff appears to be a basso continuo or a similar accompaniment line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes on each staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

*Words, Lyra Davidica 1708 et al
Tune, EASTER HYMN; from Lyra Davidica London 1708*

The Bishop of Gloucester greets the people

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Bishop of Gloucester gives a welcome and introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

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.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence is kept.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Bishop of Gloucester gives the absolution

May the God of love and power
✠ forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings

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

The Bishop of Gloucester introduces a period of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

10.34-43

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Junior Choir sings

Regina cæli, lætare, alleluia;	<i>Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.</i>
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,	<i>The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,</i>
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:	<i>Has risen as he said, alleluia.</i>
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.	<i>Pray to God for us, alleluia.</i>

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
They came with me and the Dance went on.

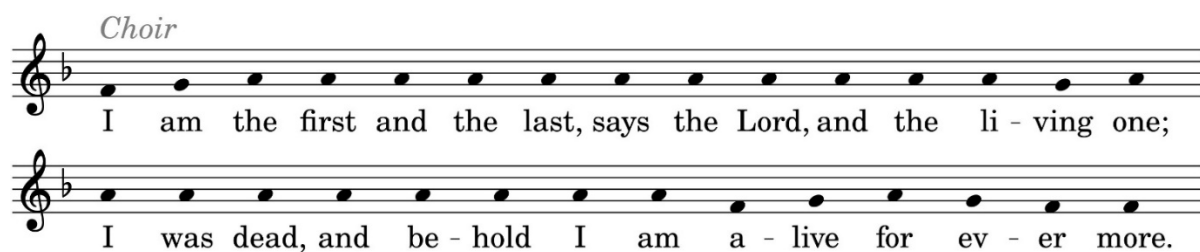
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Words and music, Sydney Carter

Gospel Reading

The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat



Bernadette Farrell

When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

28.1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The organist plays an improvisation on the Gospel message.

Sermon

The congregation sits.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The congregation stands. The Bishop of Gloucester moves to the font.

The Bishop of Gloucester says

As we celebrate the resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
we remember that through the paschal mystery
we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To
follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All **I come to Christ.**

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you the strength to continue in the Way.

Prayer over the Water

The Bishop of Gloucester says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You are our light and our salvation.

From the deep waters of death

you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit,

may daily be renewed in your image,

walk by the light of faith,

and serve you in newness of life;

through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

we lift our voices of praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The Bishop of Gloucester says

Brothers and sisters,
I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Bishop of Gloucester sprinkles the water on the congregation, saying

Remember your baptism and be faithful to Christ.

The Bishop of Gloucester prays

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Bishop of Gloucester says

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy
of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

The Bishop of Gloucester says

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The congregation stands.

The Bishop of Gloucester introduces 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.

Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you. Alleluia.**

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

As the altar is prepared, the congregation remains standing to sing



**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light;
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall:
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.**

*Words, Latin Breviary
tr., Robert Campbell 1814-68
Tune, SALZBURG; Jakob Hintze 1622-1702*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

When the altar is prepared, the Bishop of Gloucester says

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 in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop of Gloucester says

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Bishop of Gloucester recalls God's mighty acts, saying

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and on this day of our redemption
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, women and children 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:

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

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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:

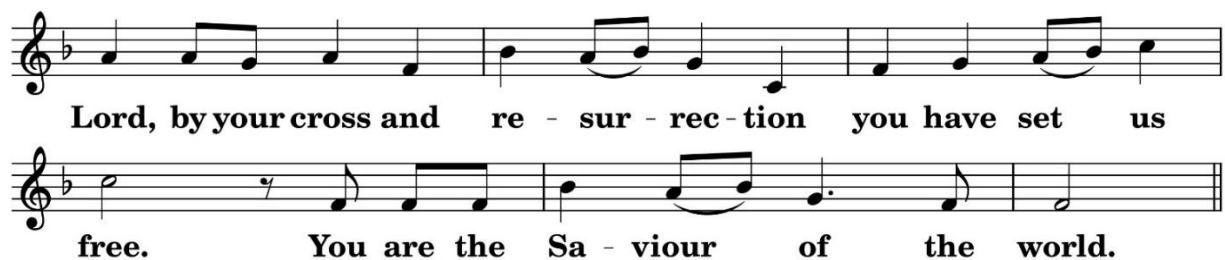
TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

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.

The deacon says

Jesus Christ is Lord:



Lord, by your cross and re - sur - rec - tion you have set us
free. You are the Sa - viour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,
 so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 St Peter, St Benedict, St Kyneburga, and all the saints,
 may praise and glorify you for ever,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.



The congregation sits.

The Lord's Prayer

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

<i>All</i> Our Father,	Notre Père...
who art in heaven,	
hallowed be thy name;	Vater Unser...
thy kingdom come;	
thy will be done;	Onze Vader...
on earth as it is in heaven.	
Give us this day our daily bread.	Padre Nuestro...
And forgive us our trespasses,	
as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Ojcze Nasz...
And lead us not into temptation;	
but deliver us from evil.	Baba Yetu...
For thine is the kingdom,	
the power and the glory,	E to matou Matua...
for ever and ever.	
Amen.	Ein Tad...

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop of Gloucester breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop of Gloucester says the invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

In the Cathedral, the Bishop of Gloucester and people receive Communion.

If it is your custom to receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so today. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you so that we may know how best to minister to you.

Communion is offered in both bread and wine, though you may wish to receive the bread only. For hygiene reasons, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is prohibited.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the ministers.

Those watching the live stream may wish to use this prayer

Lord Jesus, you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread,
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul:
since I cannot at this moment receive Communion,
come at least spiritually into my heart;
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you,
never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

The choir sings

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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

The choir sings the communion motet

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake th'imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell
Their prey at his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory no,
To him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we, his soldiers, praise our King,
His mercy we implore,
Within his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

*Words, St. Fulbert of Chartres d.1028
Music, C. V. Stanford 1852-1924*

Prayer after Communion

The Bishop of Gloucester says

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **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*

The congregation stands to sing

The musical score consists of five systems of two staves each, written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first system is the main melody, and the second system is the accompaniment. The third system is a variation of the main melody. The fourth system is a variation of the accompaniment. The fifth system is the refrain, which is identical to the first system.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

*Words, French, 19th century, Edmond Budry 1854-1932
tr., Richard Hoyle 1875-1939*

Tune, MACCABAEUS; G. F. Handel 1685-1759

The Blessing

The Bishop of Gloucester says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The congregation remains standing as the choir and minister depart.

The organist plays

Finale (Symphony I)

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

