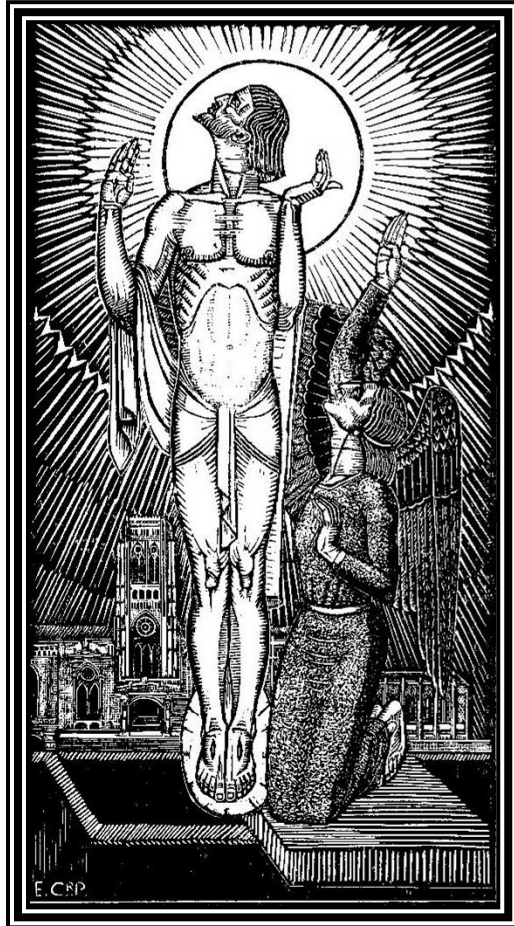


LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL



# The Eucharist of Easter Day

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

## Easter 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 welcomes the congregation.*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

*Silence is kept.*

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

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

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

*The Bishop declares God's forgiveness*

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. **Amen.**

*We say together*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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 President says*

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. **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

**Reading:** *Colossians 3. 1 - 4*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Music:*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
Alleluia.

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
Alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee.  
Alleluia

*Words: Latin 17<sup>th</sup> Century, translated Francis Pott (1832 – 1909)*  
*Music: Melchior Vulpius Gesangbuch 1609, arranged Henry Ley (1887 – 1962)*

## **Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28. 1 - 10*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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<sup>\*</sup> lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead,<sup>\*</sup> 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.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*The Right Reverend Paul Bayes  
Bishop of Liverpool*

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*The President 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?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

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

**I come to Christ.**

## **Profession of Faith**

Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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?

**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 President says*

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. **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. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The following response is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*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 President says*

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The President says*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying

**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.**



*The President continues*

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 cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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**

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**

*The President breaks the consecrated 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.**

*The President receives Communion.*

*Music*

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in 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 whom men had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake 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 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,  
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.

*Words: J.M.C. Crum (1872 – 1958)  
Tune: Noel Nouvelet; French 15<sup>th</sup> Century Carol*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The President says*

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. **Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

*The Bishop says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen,  
**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. **Amen.**

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

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The President says*

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

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*The organist plays the concluding voluntary*

*Toccata from the Fifth Symphony – Charles Marie Widor (1844 - 1937).*

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