

# The Priory Church Christchurch



## *Sung Eucharist* *for the* *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*8<sup>th</sup> May 2022*  
*10.00am*

Welcome to Christchurch Priory on this the Fourth Sunday of Easter. May the light, joy and peace of the risen Christ be with us all as we continue our journey together through this Eastertide.

Charles Stewart

Those of you who wish to should please sit in the South side of the nave. Current guidance from Government and from the Church of England includes the following:

- Advice from both the Government and Church of England is to continue to wear a face covering indoors or in crowded places (except for those who are exempt), especially where we are meeting people whom we do not normally encounter.
- Church of England guidance notes that “some activities can also increase the risk of catching or passing on coronavirus. This happens where people are doing activities which generate more particles as they breathe heavily, such as singing or raising our voices.” Thank you for your co-operation in helping keep one another safe.

Please ensure that all mobile ‘phones are switched off.  
Photography, sound and video recordings are not permitted.  
This serviced is being live-streamed.

During this service there will be an opportunity to give towards the ministry, mission, maintenance and music of the Priory Church. We depend on the generosity of everyone who comes to the Priory, to help us preserve the building for future generations as a place of welcome, worship and mission.

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For those who do not carry cash, there will be contactless machines near the exit which enable you to give by using your bank card. The current default setting is for a gift of £5. However you choose to give, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Setting: Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo, by Haydn (1732-1809)

Voluntary: A Voluntary for Easter (on “St Fulbert”) Douglas Guest (1916-96)

# The Gathering

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

For Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him, from death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
And at his footstall fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into 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. Alleluya! Amen.

*Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028)*

*Tune: St Fulbert,  
H. J. Gauntlett (1805-76)*

## THE GREETING

*President*   ✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Canon Charles Stewart, presiding, introduces the service.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Minister* Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

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.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

*President* 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 Choir sings* 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 caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*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.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,	<i>O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,	<i>O Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Filius Patris,	<i>Son of the Father,</i>
qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>that takest away the sins of the world,</i>
miserere nobis;	<i>have mercy upon us.</i>
qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Thou that takest away the sins of the world</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostrum.	<i>receive our prayer.</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>Thou that sittest at the right hand</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>of the Father, have mercy upon us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,	<i>For thou only art holy,</i>
tu solus Dominus,	<i>thou only art the Lord,</i>
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,	<i>thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,</i>
cum Sancto Spiritu:	<i>art the Most High,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

*Please remain standing*

## THE COLLECT

*President* Let us pray in the joy of this Easter celebration that the resurrection life of Jesus our Lord may transfigure our lives.

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
 raise us, who trust in him,  
 from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
 that we may seek those things which are above,  
 where he reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### FIRST READING

Acts 9. 36–end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’

So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 7. 9–end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Now is eternal life,  
If risen with Christ we stand,  
In him to life reborn,  
And holden in his hand;  
No more we fear death's ancient dread  
In Christ arisen from the dead.

For 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;  
Our life is hid with God in thee,  
Now and through all eternity.

Words: G.W. Briggs (1875-1959)

Tune: Christchurch,  
Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

*Please remain standing*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

All

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

John 10. 22–30

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’

*All* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Canon Charles Stewart*

*Please stand to say*

THE CREED

*All* **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

*At the end of the prayers, the Intercessor says:*

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

*Please stand*

## THE PEACE

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

*All* Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you. Alleluia!**

*Minister* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*As we are able, all may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with the words, **The Lord is risen, and answering, He is risen indeed.***

*Please remain standing*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which there will be a collection*

Who are these, like stars appearing,  
These before God's throne who stand?  
Each a golden crown is wearing;  
Who are all this glorious band?  
Alleluya, hark! they sing,  
Praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,  
These in God's own truth arrayed,  
Clad in robes of purest whiteness,  
Robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,  
Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand —  
Whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended  
For their Saviour's honour long,  
Wrestling on till life was ended,  
Following not the sinful throng;  
These, who well the fight sustained,  
Triumph through the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,  
Sore with woe and anguish tried,  
Who in prayer full oft have striven  
With the God they glorified;  
Now, their painful conflict o'er,  
God has bid them weep no more.

These like priests have watched and waited,  
Offering up to Christ their will,  
Soul and body consecrated,  
Day and night to serve him still:  
Now, in God's most holy place  
Blest they stand before his face.

Words: H T Schenk (1656-1727)  
tr. Frances Cox (1812-97)

Tune: All Saints,  
adap. W. H. Monk (1823-89)

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

*Please remain standing*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*President* 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.**

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 way 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:

*Choir* Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
pleni sunt coeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domine.  
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he that comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*President* 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.

*Minister* Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
*All* **Dying, you destroyed our death,  
Rising, you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*President* 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 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.

*All*           **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel. A short silence is kept*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All*           **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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All*           **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

*All*           **Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Communion at this service. Anyone who would prefer to receive a blessing should please bring this order of service with you. Please move as directed by the sidesmen.*

*The choir sings Agnus Dei, from Haydn's 'Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo'; and, for the motet, 'And didst thou travel light', music by Richard Shepard.*

*After Communion, please remain seated.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*President* Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Thine for ever, God of love,  
Hear us from thy throne above;  
Thine for ever may we be  
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! O, how blest  
They who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,  
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
Shield us through our earthly strife;  
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! thou our guide,  
All our wants by thee supplied,  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Led by thee from earth to heaven.

*Words: Mary Maude (1819-1913)*

*Tune: Newington,  
Archbishop William Maclagan (1826-1910)*

*Please remain standing*

## *The Dismissal*

### THE BLESSING

*President* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*President* The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Voluntary:* *Paean* *Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

## ***A very happy and blessed Easter season to you all***

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