

The Priory Church Christchurch



Eucharist in Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter
9th May 2021
10.00am

Welcome to this Eucharist on the 6th Sunday of Easter. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

As you come into the Priory, or after this service, there will be an opportunity to give to the ministry of the parish. 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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However you choose to give, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.



At this stage of the Government's 4-step planned relaxation of lockdown, all the requirements of social distancing and hand cleansing are still in place.

The Church of England requires us to be two metres apart.

Another of the current legislation on this service is that the congregation is unable to sing the hymns which are, in normal times, one of the core elements of our worship. In our stead, they will be sung by some members of the choir.

Whatever you and your loved ones may have faced in the past year, may you and those you love know God's blessings of love, joy, peace and hope this Eastertide.

Charles Stewart, Vicar

*Please ensure that all mobile 'phones are switched off.
Photography, sound and video recordings are not permitted
at Priory services.*

*Thank you for your co-operation.
This Eucharist is being live-streamed.*

- *Please maintain social distancing at all times, including entering and leaving the church.*
- *Please observe the one-way system at all times.*
- *Face coverings are required to be worn in places of worship, except for those with a recognized exemption.*
- *When it comes to the Communion, please stay in your place: the clergy will come to you.*

Thank you for helping us keep one another safe.

Voluntary: 'Forlana', by Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

The Gathering

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, *sung by members of the Choir*

1

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

2

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

3

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

4

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!
Amen! Amen!

Words: H. W. Baker 1821-1877
C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

Tune: *Laudate Dominum*,

Please remain standing

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!**

The Revd Richard Partridge, presiding, welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

All **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.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

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.

All say 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.**

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.

God our Redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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 15. 9-17

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.

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Revd Angela Newton

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.**

Please sit

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!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

As we are able, all may exchange a sign of peace.

Please then sit

OFFERTORY HYMN, *sung by members of the Choir*

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all,...

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

Lord of all,...

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all,...

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

Lord of all,...

Words: F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

*Tune: England's Lane,
Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)*

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

Please stand

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:

All **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.**

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. **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.*

**Please remain in your seats to receive Communion – the clergy will
come to you.**

*During the Administration of Communion, members of the choir sing 'Rejoice,
the Lord is King', music by Malcolm Archer (b.1952)*

After Communion, please remain seated.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

President God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.. **Amen.**

[Weather permitting, the final hymn will be sung on the monastic lawns; if the weather is poor the hymn follows here.]

Please remain seated

POST-COMMUNION HYMN, *sung by members of the Choir*

O thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*Tune: Hereford,
S. S. Wesley (1810-76)*

Please stand

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.**

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

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

Voluntary: 'Toccata', by Georgi Mushel (1909-89)

- *Please leave via Cloister Way, as directed by the sidemen.*
- *Please do not congregate in the Priory House Car Park, as this causes a blockage. Instead, please meet your friends on the monastic lawns for a conversation after the service, always maintaining social distancing and the 'rule of six', as per Government guidelines.*
- *Please take this Order of Service with you: you are welcome to take it home, or to deposit it in one of the bins available at the Cloister Way exit.*
- *There will be a collection plate to receive any offerings not left on your way into the Priory.*
- *Please use the hand sanitizer as you leave.*

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