

**MUSIC AND READINGS
AT THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
2 MAY 2021**

Welcome to Newport Cathedral.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Face coverings must be worn at all times, except for those leading any part of the worship.

Please stay in your seat both before and during the service, standing and sitting as you feel comfortable. Please do not have conversations with others present.

The words of the hymns are printed for you to follow as they are being played or sung by the choir. Please do not join in as congregational singing is currently not allowed. Please do join in the spoken parts of the service in bold type.

Please do not share the peace, even with members of your own household.

We will not be taking a collection during the service but there are collection plates in the St Mary Chapel.

Holy Communion will be brought to you at your seat. The minister will not say any words and we ask you to receive communion in silence. Communion will be in one kind and communicants are asked to stretch out their hands and keep them as flat as possible. If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands down and the priest will make the sign of the cross over you in silence.

At the end of the service please leave the Cathedral straight away, maintaining a 2m distance as you do so.

Thank you for your co-operation during these challenging times.

1 The Gathering

OPENING HYMN (*Please don't join in*)

REMAIN SEATED

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees

Tune: Blaenwern – William Rowlands

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

Yn enw'r Tad, STAND
a'r Mab,
*a'r Ysbryd Glân. **Amen.***

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of introduction may be used.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SIT or KNEEL

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

Silence.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, your word is a light to our path.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting light.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir alone sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

STAND

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray in the joy of our risen Lord.

Silence.

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
you have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 The Proclamation of the Word

SIT

The First Reading

Acts 8.26–40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

22:25-28, 30-31

O praise the Lord all you that fear him.

Response: O praise the Lord all you that fear him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation:
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied:
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever. **Response**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord:
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he rules over the nations. **Response**

He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him:
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn:
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. **Response**

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever
does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was
revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the
world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we
loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning
sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we
also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we
love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he
has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that
the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God
abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and
they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that

God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

STAND

The Choir alone sings:

Alleluia!

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

SIT

AN AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH

STAND

The Nicene 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.**

3 The Intercession

SIT or KNEEL

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

or other suitable words.

After the final petition:

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

4 The Peace

STAND

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you! They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

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

Please sit while the altar is prepared.

Music – If ye love me - Tallis

5 The Thanksgiving

STAND

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.
Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in his victory over death
a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and we are once again made whole.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

The choir alone sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sung in F

Blessed are you, almighty God,
because on the night he was betrayed
the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it,
gave it to his disciples and said,
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;
when he had given you thanks
he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
The choir sings alone:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts
that we may be fed
with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

The choir sings alone: Amen.

Silence

KNEEL or SIT

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray as our Redeemer 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.**

6 The Communion

The President breaks the bread.

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

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

The President invites the people to communion:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The President receives Holy Communion, saying out loud:

The body of Christ.

Corff Crist.

The blood of Christ.

Gwaed Crist.

Communion is distributed to people at their seats.

During Communion the choir sings:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

grant us thy peace.

Sumsion in F

After the communion a period of silence is kept ending with this Collect:

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life:
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

7 The Sending Out

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

**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 risen Lord. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN (*please don't join in*)

REMAIN SEATED

I am the light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.

I am the Well from whose fresh springs
life-giving water flows
and on each side the tree of life
with leaves for healing grows.

I am the Vine whose branches grow
united in one root;
who dwell in me, and I in them,
shall live and bear much fruit.

I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.

Words: Robert Willis

Tune: Richmond – melody by Thomas Haweis

