

# CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

## THE EUCHARIST ON EASTER SUNDAY

**Sunday 12th April 2020  
10.30am**

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!  
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!**

*At the beginning of the Eucharist, an Easter Candle is blessed.*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages  
**To him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.  
Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.  
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.  
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,  
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death  
and live with him for ever.

*The candle is lit.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION**

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

**Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your **Holy Spirit,**  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through **Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## **THE GLORIA**

**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.**

In the joy of this Easter Day we pray to our heavenly Father:

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### **The First Reading:** Acts 10: 34-43 (NRSV)

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: '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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading:** Matthew 28. 1-10 (NRSV)

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.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia!

THE ADDRESS

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant Let us affirm our Easter Faith.

**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.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshipped and glorified.  
He 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

## THE 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.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

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 MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

### 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. The risen Lord is with us now.  
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

*The President praises God for his mighty acts. These responses are used:*

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

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## THE COMMUNION

*The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.**

**Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.**

**Hear my prayers for others and for myself,**

**and keep me always in your care. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

has 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 BLESSING

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,

the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

**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 vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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