



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
*on the*  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**2 May 2021 at 10 a.m.**  
**The Anglican Parish of Rothesay**

**Organ Prelude**

*Come, let us sing to the Lord* – Robert Lau

**Introit Hymn**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath ransomed Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen.  
All the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from that Light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

*Text.* John of Damascus (675-754), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

*Music.* Melody, Johann Horn (?-1547)

*Tune.* Ave Virgo Virginum

**The Our Father**

*Celebrant.*

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

*All.* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Summary of the Law

*Celebrant.* OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*People.* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

## Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in excelsis

*Merbecke*

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.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect

*Celebrant.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant.* Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

(9:26-31)

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

*Psalms 22*



I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.  
The lowly shall eat their fill;  
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
"May your hearts live forever!" **R.**

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of the nations  
shall bow down before him. **R.**

To him alone shall bow down  
all who sleep in the earth;  
before him shall bend  
all who go down into the dust. **R.**

And to him my soul shall live;  
my descendants shall serve him.  
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD  
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born  
the justice he has shown. **R.**

*A Reading from the First Letter of John*

(3:18-24)

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus

Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*  
***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.*

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## The Gospel Reading

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Reader* A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
(15:1-8)

*People* **Glory be to thee, 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.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## The Homily

## The Creed

I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*At the end of each petition:* Lord, in your mercy;

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

## The Confession & Absolution

*Minister.* Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*All.* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant.* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Comfortable Words

### The Offertory

*During the hymn, the gifts of bread and wine are set on the altar. The collection is brought forward.*

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say: alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored: alleluia!

*Text.* Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)  
*Music.* Melody, Melchior Vulpus (1570-1615)  
*Tune.* Vulpus

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant.* Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven  
and in the earth is thine.  
*All.* **All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

## Thanksgiving & Consecration

*Celebrant.* The Lord be with you;  
*People.* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant.* Lift up your hearts;  
*People.* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
*People.* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The celebrant continues with the Preface.*

*All sing together the* Sanctus & Benedictus

. **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.**

*The priest continues with* The Consecration.

*At the end of the Consecration, all respond* **Amen.**

## The Our Father

*Celebrant.* At the Saviour's command, and formed by Divine teaching, we dare to say:  
*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 them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant.* The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access *(together)*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

### **Agnus Dei** *(together)*

**O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

*If you have been baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. The sacrament will be brought to you in your seat. Please stand as an indication you wish to receive. Once you have received, please sit or kneel.*

*For those unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, please take a moment to pray the following prayer and make a 'spiritual communion.'*

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

### **Communion Hymn**

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
his charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength  
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
be his the glory that we seek,  
be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined,  
we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honoured be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Father is the same.

*Text.* Ubi caritas, 9<sup>th</sup> century; tr. Omer Westerndorf (1916-1997)

*Music.* Paul Benoit, OSB (1893-1979)

*Tune.* Christian Love

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant.* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

*All.* **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant.* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn

Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
tell it with a joyful voice;  
Christ has burst his three days' prison:  
let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.



Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow;  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
all his woes are over now,  
and the Passion that he bore;  
sin and pain can vex no more.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen;  
he hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

*Text.* Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)  
*Music.* Melody, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt (1698)  
*Tune.* All Saints

## **Organ Postlude**

*Voluntary* – John James (d. 1745)

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