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# THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST FOR EASTER 3

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## HYMN

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!  
Brothers and sisters, with one voice  
Make all men know he is your choice: Alleluya.

The first Apostles round them drew  
Thousands of faithful men and true,  
Sharing a faith for ever new: Alleluya.

Then magnify the Lord and raise  
Anthems of joy and holy praise  
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days: Alleluya.

O Christian women, Christian men,  
All the world over, seek again  
The Way disciples followed then: Alleluya.

*George Bell 1883-1958*  
*Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)*  
*Melody from Vulpius's Gesangbuch 1609*  
*Harmony by Henry Ley 1887-1962*

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

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

*The celebrant gives an introduction to the Eucharist*

**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.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

### *Silence*

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry and truly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and lead us in his way  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*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.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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. **Amen.**

## ACTS 3. 12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

For the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;  
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;  
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?  
But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.  
Stand in awe, and sin not;  
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.  
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.  
You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.  
In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 24. 36B-48

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the

third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

THE SERMON *The Precentor*

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm the good news we have received,  
in which we stand,  
through which we are saved  
and which we hand on to others.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy:      *Or* Lord, hear us:  
**hear our prayer.              Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

## THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said: Peace be with you!  
They were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**And also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HYMN

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O, who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow:  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman 1624-83*  
*Tune: Lone Unknown, John Ireland 1879-1962*

## THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example  
and obey his command.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins in water,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks, holy Father,  
all-powerful and everliving God,  
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.

And so with the hosts of angels  
and all the company of heaven  
we proclaim the glory of your name  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*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.*

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,  
Creator of all things, Giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image;  
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.  
We give you thanks  
that you sent your Son to share our life;  
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,  
and you raised him from the dead  
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,  
and when he had given 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 when he had given thanks  
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you,  
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

As he has commanded us, Father,  
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Proclaiming his victorious death,  
rejoicing in his resurrection  
and waiting for him to come in glory  
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Restore and revive your people,  
renew us and all for whom we pray  
with your grace and heavenly blessing,  
and at the last receive us with all your saints  
into that unending joy promised by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. **Amen.**

### *Silence*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant 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.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*As the celebrant receives Holy Communion, you may like to  
pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

MOTET

*O saving Victim, opening wide,  
The gate of heaven to man below!  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.  
To Thy great name by endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, one in Three;  
Oh, grant us endless length of days,  
In our true native land with Thee. Amen*

*Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274)*

*Music: Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)*

## POST COMMUNION

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

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HYMN

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

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

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.

*St Fulbert of Chartres d 1028*

*Tr Robert Campbell 1814-68*

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

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