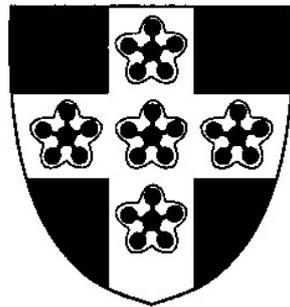


Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi

St Davids Cathedral



Sunday 4 April 2021

11.15 am

*Easter Day*

CHORAL EUCHARIST

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*The Bishop and Clergy gather outside the West Door*

*Bishop:* Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

*Churchwarden:* Who is this King of glory?

*Bishop:* The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. He is the King of Glory!

*The Bishop then knocks thrice on the Door, which is thrown open as the choir sings This Joyful Eastertide (Traditional arranged by Charles Wood)*

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!**

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.**

**No secrets are hidden from you.**

**Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit  
that we may love and worship you faithfully,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All kneel as the choir sings Kyrie eleison*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

*All stand while the choir sings 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.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*All remain standing for the Collect of the Day*

**L**ORD 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.**

**A**RGLWYDD pob bywyd a nerth, gorchfygaist hen drefn pechod a marwolaeth drwy atgyfodiad nerthol dy Fab er mwyn gwneud pob peth yn newydd ynddo ef: caniatâ i ni, sy'n farw i bechod, ac yn fyw i ti yn Iesu Grist, deyrnasu gydag ef mewn gogoniant;

bydded iddo gyda thi a'r Ysbryd Glân glod a moliant, gogoniant a gallu, yn awr ac yn dragwyddol. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*All sit for the readings*

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**O**n this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25, 6-9

### THE EPISTLE

**A**dechreuodd Pedr lefaru: "Ar fy ngwir," meddai, "'rwy'n deall nad yw Duw yn dangos ffafriaeth, ond bod y sawl ym mhob cenedl sy'n ei ofni ac yn gweithredu cyfiawnder yn dderbyniol ganddo ef. Y gair hwn a anfonodd i blant Israel, gan gyhoeddi Efengyl tangnefedd drwy Iesu Grist; ef yw Arglwydd pawb. Gwyddoch chwi'r peth a fu drwy holl Jwdea, gan ddechrau yng Ngallilea wedi'r bedydd a gyhoeddodd Ioan — Iesu o Nasareth, y modd yr eniniodd Duw ef â'r Ysbryd Glân ac â nerth. Aeth ef oddi amgylch gan wneud daioni ac iacháu pawb oedd dan ormes y diafol, am fod Duw gydag ef. Ac yr ydym ni'n dystion o'r holl bethau a wnaeth yng ngwlad yr Iddewon ac yn Jerwsalem. A lladdasant ef, gan ei grogi ar bren. Ond cyfododd Duw ef ar y trydydd dydd, a pheri iddo ddod yn weledig, nid i'r holl bobl, ond i dystion oedd wedi eu rhagethol gan Dduw, sef i ni, y rhai a fu'n cydfwyta ac yn cydyfed ag ef wedi iddo atgyfodi oddi wrth y meirw. Gorchmynnodd i ni bregethu i'r bobl, a thystiolaethu mai hwn yw'r un a benodwyd gan Dduw yn farnwr y byw a'r meirw. I hwn y mae'r holl broffwydi'n tystio, y bydd pawb sy'n credu ynddo ef yn derbyn maddeuant pechodau trwy ei enw."

*Actau 10, 34-43*

**T**HEN Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

*Acts 10, 34-43*

*All stand while the choir sings the Easter Anthems*

**C**HRISt our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast; Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*Easter Anthems*

Listen to the Gospel according to Saint John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**E**ARLY on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them,

‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*St John 20, 1-18*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All sit for the sermon by The Right Reverend Joanna Penberthy, Bishop of St Davids*

#### AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*All stand*

**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.

#### THE INTERCESSION

*All kneel*

*After each bidding*

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

*After the final bidding*

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

We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him  
and he in us. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*All stand*

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*A sign of peace may be exchanged*

*The choir sings the Offertory hymn Jesus Christ is risen today.*

## 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.**

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.**

*The Priest continues*

**I**T 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.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his resurrection he has restored to us eternal life.

Who by his death has destroyed death and by his rising to life again has restored to us eternal life. 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:

*The choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus*

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.  
*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*  
*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.*  
*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

*All kneel*

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.**

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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 COMMUNION

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 choir sings Agnus Dei*

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.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The President will also say:*

The Body of Christ. **Amen**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen**

*During the distribution of Communion the Choir sings the anthem Blessed by the God and Father by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

## THE DISMISSAL OF THE PEOPLE

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

**his love is everlasting.**

**We thank you, Father,**

**for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son**

**in this holy sacrament,**

**through which we are assured**

**of the hope of eternal life.**

**We offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.**

**Keep us in the fellowship of his body, the Church,**

**and send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The God of peace who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good deed to do his will, creating in you that which is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*The choir sings the hymn Thine be the Glory*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Music at this service:**

Mass Setting: Messe Solennelle by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Voluntary: Marcia from Symphonie 3 by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)