

10:30 MORNING SERVICE (IN PLACE OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING NATIONAL LOCKDOWN)

25TH APRIL 2021 (4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Reverend Chris Nicholls, Leading
Katherine Fortier, Preaching

Christina Edelen, Organ; James Hewitt and Xiangji Zeng, singers;
Fred Edelen, cello; Anna Dowling, recorder

PRELUDE J.S. Bach Sonata for recorder and organ, *Christina Edelen and Anna Dowling (also for Offertory & Postlude)*

(OPENING HYMN) CP 137 Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise:
He, who on the cross a victim,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest-field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face:
That, with hearts in heaven dwelling,
We on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour

Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885

(INVOCATION) *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

Amen

(GREETING)

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia

(PRAYER OF PREPARATION)

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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.

(COMMANDMENTS/COMFORTABLE WORDS/BEATITUDES)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

(INVITATION TO CONFESSION)

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

*Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.*

cf Romans 6.10

**(CONFESSION) Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

(ABSOLUTION)

*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

(GLORIA) setting

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.

(COLLECT)

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

(PSALM) Psalm 23 – *setting by Malcolm Davies*

1. The Lord ' is my ' shepherd;
therefore ' can I ' lack ' nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in ' green ' pastures;
and leads me be ' side ' still ' waters.
3. He shall re ' fresh my ' soul ;
and guide me in path of righteousness ' for his ' name ' s ' sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will ' fear
no ' evil ;
for you are with me, your ' rod and your ' staff, they ' comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of ' those who ' trouble
me ;
you have anointed my head with oil ' and my ' cup shall be ' full.
6. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the ' days of my
' life ;
and I will dwell in the ' house of the ' Lord for ' ever.

*Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son ;
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.*

*As it was in the beg ' inning is ' now ;
and shall be for ' ever. ' A ' men.*

(1ST READING) Acts 4:5-12

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(GOSPEL HYMN) CP 587 The God of Love my Shepherd is (Psalm 23)

1. The God of love my Shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need?

2. He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass:
In both I have the best.

3. Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame;
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.

4. Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.

5. Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days;
And, as it never shall remove,
So neither shall my praise.

George Herbert 1593-1633

(GOSPEL) JOHN 10:11-18

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I

must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

(SERMON)

Canon Michael

(CHOIR ANTHEM) "Thine Forever, God of Love" (CP 599 to the tune of CP 110)

1 Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be
here and in eternity.

2 Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.

3 Thine for ever! O how blest
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
O defend us to the end.

4 Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep
us thy frail and trembling sheep;
safe alone beneath thy care,
let us all thy goodness share.

5 Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Mary Fawler Maude, 1847

(CREED) Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of 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,
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,
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.

(PEACE) *Please stand for 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. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(INTERCESSIONS)

(THANKSGIVING)

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, your servants,
give you our hearty thanks for all your goodness and
loving-kindness to us and to all people.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the
blessings of this life; but above all for your inestimable
love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus
Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And we ask you, give us that due sense of all your mercy,
that our hearts may be completely thankful, and that we
show your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking
with you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the
Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without
end. Amen.**

(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.**

(OFFERTORY)

(NOTICES)

(CLOSING HYMN) CP 208ii Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,

ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

*(BLESSING) May the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make us perfect in every good work to do his will;
and together we pray that the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
would be among us and remain with us always.*

Amen.

*(DISMISSAL) We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

(POSTLUDE)