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# THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST FOR EASTER 2

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## HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high. Alleluya.

He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today!  
We too sing for joy and say: Alleluya.

He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluya.

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, today thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay. Alleluya.

*German, Michael Weisse c. 1480-1534*  
*Tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-78*  
*Tune: Württemberg, W H Monk 1823-89*

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,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ACTS 4. 32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

For the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 133

**R: The Lord's blessing is life for ever.**

Behold how good and pleasant it is  
to dwell together in unity. **R:**

It is like the precious oil u | pon the head,  
running down u | pon the beard, **R:**

Even on | Aaron's beard,  
running down upon the collar | of his clothing. **R:**

It is like the dew of Hermon  
running down upon the | hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:  
even life for | evermore. **R:**

## JOHN 20. 19-31

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us celebrate the feast.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord

and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

THE SERMON *The Dean*

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

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
For thy flesh is meat indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living bread,  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplied  
This blest cup of sacrifice;  
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;  
To thy cross we look and live:  
Thou our life! O let us be  
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.

*Josiah Conder 1789-1855*

*Tune: Bread of heaven, Archbishop William Maclagan 1826-1910*

## 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

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in baptism you gave us your Spirit of forgiveness and peace:  
by this sacrament of unity,  
grant us to know your victory over sin and death;  
for you are alive and reign,  
now and for ever. **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.**

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,  
you have made us in your own image.  
Always and everywhere we give you thanks  
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.

Therefore, with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we praise your glorious name:

*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.*

Blessed are you, almighty God,  
because on the night he was betrayed  
the Lord Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

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;  
when he had given you thanks  
he gave to them and said,

Drink this, all of you;  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood  
poured out 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.**

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son  
once for all upon the cross  
and the triumph of his resurrection,  
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts  
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son  
and be filled with his life and goodness.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace  
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

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

### *The Easter Song of Praise*

*Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave  
Salute your king in glorious symphony.  
Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly,  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past, the day is here.  
Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured.  
The gospel trumpets tell the vict'ry won!  
Your Saviour live, he's with you evermore!  
Let all God's people shout the long Amen.*

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Music: Richard Shephard (b.1949)*

## POST COMMUNION

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

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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

Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*  
*Tune: Savannah, Melody from MS. Choralbuch*  
*Herrnhut c 1740 as given in*  
*J. Wesley's Foundery Collection 1742*

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