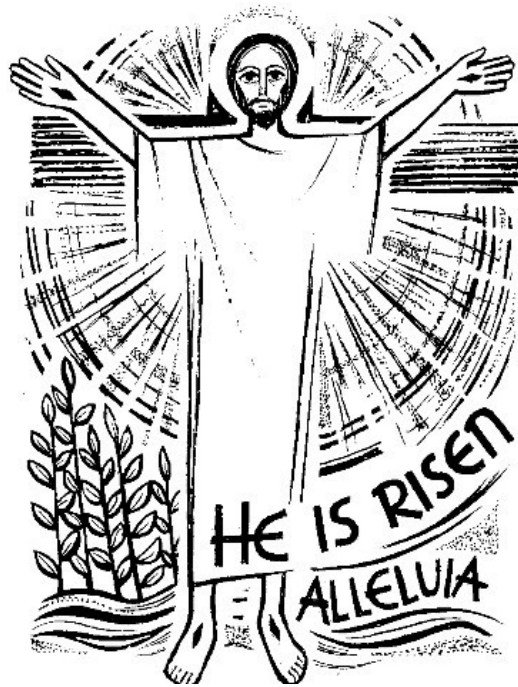




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# THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST FOR EASTER 4

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## HYMN

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place,  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

*John Newton 1725-1807*  
*Tune: St Peter, Alexander Reinagle 1799-1877*

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 God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ACTS 4. 5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall make me to lie down in green pastures:  
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall refresh my soul:  
And bring me forth in the right way for his names sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil:  
For thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me, in the presence of them that trouble me:  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.  
Yea thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### JOHN IO. II-18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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

THE SERMON *The Cathedral Chaplain*

## 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 Lord be with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**And also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HYMN

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
In the pastures green;  
Faithful Shepherd, lead me  
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me  
In the narrow way;  
So, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
To the heavenly shore;  
May my faith grow clearer,  
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,  
Every gift and pain;  
Be thyself my treasure,  
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me  
As thou seest best,  
Then let angels bear me  
To thy promised rest.

*T B Pollock 1836-96*

*Tune: Pastor Pastorum, F Silcher 1789-1860*

## 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

God of loving care,  
you spread before us the table of life  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink:  
keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,  
your Son Jesus Christ our 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

*Ave verum corpus, natum . . .*

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet  
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.*

*Words: Pope Innocent IV (c. 1195 – 1254)*

*Music: William Mathias (1934 – 92)*

## POST COMMUNION

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

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Sing Alleluya forth ye saints on high,  
And let the Church on earth make glad reply:  
*To Christ the King, sing Alleluya!*

To him who is both Word of God and Son,  
Who, out of love, our nature did put on:

To him who, born of Mary, shared our life,  
And in our manhood triumphed in the strife:

To him who did for all our sins atone,  
In naked majesty on Calvary's throne:

To him who rose victorious from the dead,  
And reigns on high, his people's Lord and Head:

*G B Timms 1910 – 1997*  
*Tune: Martins, Percy Buck 1871-1947*

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