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Easter Day

Festival Choral Eucharist



Sunday 5th April 2026 • 9 am

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An Easter message

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24).

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

At Easter, the Church proclaims the truth at the very heart of our faith: Christ has conquered death, and through him, new life has begun.

This hope is not abstract. We think of those living amid war and violence – across the Middle East, in Ukraine, in Sudan, and in so many other places of conflict – and of the churches of the Holy Land, bearing faithful witness under immense strain. We remember all who are displaced, oppressed, or forgotten.

In such a world, the mystery of Easter speaks with particular depth. Writing from prison, Dietrich Bonhoeffer reflected that “only a suffering God can help.” These words give us pause. They remind us that in Jesus Christ, God does not stand distant from human pain, but enters into it, bears it, and transforms it. The cross stands firm while the world changes. The cross and the empty tomb together tell us that suffering and death do not have the final word. Easter proclaims that even in the darkest places, God is at work bringing life. Jesus said: “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies... it bears much fruit.” The pattern of death and new life lies at the heart of the Gospel.

Easter invites each of us to entrust ourselves anew to this mystery. What in our lives, our churches, and our relationships must be surrendered so that God may bring renewal?

Easter calls us to live from this hope: to trust in the victory of Christ, to stand alongside those who suffer, and to bear witness with renewed confidence to the Gospel. In a wounded world, we are called to be people of resurrection – people who live not in fear, but in hope; not in despair, but in the promise of new life.

As we celebrate this holy season, may the joy of Easter renew our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our commitment to one another in Christ. And may we walk together, with confidence and hope, toward that ultimate fulfilment, when all things are made new and all creation is gathered into the loving embrace of God.

Yours in the peace of the Risen Christ,
The Most Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally
Archbishop of Canterbury

(Excerpts from the annual Easter letter to heads of Christian churches.)

Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Music before the Service

Played on cello, harp and organ

Overture & The Rejoicing (*Fireworks Music*) - George Friedrich Handel (1685 - 1759)

Air (*from Water Music*) - George Friedrich Handel (1685 - 1759)

Allegro con spirito in B flat Major - Frank Bridge (1879 - 1941)

Prelude on 'The Day of Resurrection' (tune: 'Ellacombe') - June Nixon (b. 1942)

Trumpet tune on "In Thee is gladness" - David Lasky (b. 1957)

An Easter Alleluya - Gordon Slater (1896 - 1979)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

THIS joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain :
But now hath Christ arisen.

Words: Revd George Woodward (1848 - 1934)
Music: Dutch tune, arr. Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)

All stand and face the West Door

The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Presbyter

Christ yesterday and today,

All

the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;

**to him be glory and power, through every age and
for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All sing

Hymn at the Entry

HAIL thee, Festival Day!

Blest day that art hallowed forever;

**Day wherein Christ arose,
breaking the kingdom of death.**

Choir

*Lo, the fair beauty of earth,
from the death of the winter arising,
every good gift of the year
now with its Master returns.*

Hail thee, Festival Day!

Blest day that art hallowed forever;

**Day wherein Christ arose,
breaking the kingdom of death.**

Choir

*He who was nailed to the Cross
is God and the Ruler of all things;
all things created on earth
worship the maker of all.*

Hail thee, Festival Day!

Blest day that art hallowed forever;

**Day wherein Christ arose,
breaking the kingdom of death.**

Words: Bishop Venantius Fortunatus (530 - 609)

Tune: SALVE FESTA DIES

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Please be seated

The Presbter introduces the blessing of Easter Garden

A reader says

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised as he said.

The Presbyter says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration
of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Act of Penitence

The Presbyter prays over a vessel of water

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eter-
nal.

Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Je-
sus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The organ sounds a fanfare

All stand and join in singing the hymns

Hymns at the Procession

**JESUS CHRIST is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluya!**

**² Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross the grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**³ But the pains that He endured, Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluya!**

Words: Lyra Davidica (1708)

Tune: EASTER HYMN
based on, Surrexit Christus Hodie, c. 14th cent.
organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer

The organ plays an interlude

**HE is risen, He is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst his three days' prison;
Let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.**

**² Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
With glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
And the Passion that he bore:
Sin and pain can vex no more.**

Continued

³ **He is risen, He is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison,
Risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1823 - 95)

Tune: NEANDER
from chorale, 'Unser Herrscher'
by J. Neander (1640 - 80)

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity

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

The Presbyter says

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

All stand and sing

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Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Sunday of the Resurrection | **page 414**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 414**

Exodus 12:21 - 28

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Easter Anthem

*Remain seated as the choir sings the Easter Anthem
to a chant by G. Thalben-Ball*

- ¹ Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us :
so let us celebrate the feast;
- ² not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness :
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- ³ Christ once raised from the dead dies no more :
death has no more dominion over him.
- ⁴ In dying he died to sin once for all.:
In living he lives to God.
- ⁵ See yourselves therefore as dead to sin :
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ⁶ Christ has been raised from the dead :
the firstfruits of those who sleep.
- ⁷ For as by man came death :
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- ⁸ for as in Adam all die :
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

All stand

All stand for the Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

Please be seated

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Colossians 3:1 - 7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn

**I serve a risen Saviour,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
and just the time I need Him
He's always near.**

Refrain

**He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me, and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives:
He lives within my heart!**

**2 In all the world around me
I see His loving care
and though my heart grows weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading,
through all the stormy blast
the day of His appearing
will come at last.**

**3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ, the King.
The Hope of all who seek Him,
the Help of all who find
none other is so loving,
so good and kind**

Rev'd Alfred H. Ackley (1887–1960)

*Remain standing for the Gospel
as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond.*

The Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

Cantor

Now He is living the Christ
Out of the tomb He is risen;
He has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Music: Celtic Mass by Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

The Gospel of Christ | **page 415**

St. John 20:1 - 10

The Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The choir sings

The Anthem

“King of kings!”

This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Christ is risen from the dead, death hath no more dominion over Him,
Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory!
The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,
King of kings! and Lord of lords,
And He shall reign for ever and ever!
Amen.

Music: Caleb Simper (1856 - 1942)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of 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. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace
and then join in singing the hymn.*

*At this time the altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine and the
gifts of the people are gathered and presented. Thank you for your generosity.*

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Hymn at the Offertory

**THINE be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

² **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness songs of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

Continued. Turn over.

Refrain **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**³ No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

Words: Edmund Budry (1854 - 1932)

Tune: MACCABEUS

George Frederick Händel

Organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer

The organ plays an interlude

**AND can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**² He left His Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite His grace;
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.**

*'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.*

³ **No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

***Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.***

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

Tune: SAGINA
Thomas Campbell (1800 - 1876)

All say

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Kneel as able or remain seated

All sing

Invocation

***Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord!
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.***

**Spread the good news through all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen:**

D. Fishel (b. 1950)

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.
That our risen Saviour may fill us, our families, friends and
the worshipping community here at the Cathedral with
the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

All

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

That Church leaders may be renewed in their ministry.
We Pray for Paritosh, our Moderator; Reuben the
Moderator of the Church of South India; Theodosius Mar
Thoma Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church; Prabhu our
Bishop and for Avinash our Presbyter,
we pray to the Father.

All

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That He may provide for those who lack food, work or
shelter, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by His power war and famine may cease through all
the world, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That He may reveal the light of His presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to His promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That He may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon His
people, so that we may bear faithful witness to His
resurrection, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,

**you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the Kngdom of your Son:
grant that, as His death has recalled us to life,
so His continual presence in us may raise us to
eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

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The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

A soloist sings

I know that my redeemer liveth
and that he shall stand at the latter day, upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God.

Words: Job 19: 25, 26 & I Corinthians 15: 20

Music: George Frederick Händel
from 'Messiah'

While seated, we sing

Hymn

**AT the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King :
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercé d side;
Praise we Him whose love Divine
Gives His Body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**

**² Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now Thy banner Thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

³ **Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do Thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in Thee.
Hymns of glory songs of praise,
Father, unto Thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.**

Words: R. Campbell (1814 - 68)

Tune: SALZBURG
Melody from J. Hintze (1622 - 1702)
Harmony from Johann Sebastian Bach

All stand and say

Post Communion Prayer

Presbyter

Let us pray.

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.

All

**Living God, make us apostles of the risen Christ.
Give us joyful hearts, words of hope, and grace to
recognise the Lord Jesus when he meets us,
wherever we are on the road. Amen.**

The Easter Acclamation and Blessing

The Presbyter

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as His own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God, who through the resurrection of our

Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory,

give you joy and peace in your faith;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you

and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Choral response

Alleluia! Amen!

adapted from 'Exsultate, jubilate', K. 165
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791)

THE Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

². **Our hearts be pure from evil,**
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to His accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

³ **Now let the heavens be joyful,**
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our Joy that hath no end.

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus, *from 'Messiah'* - G. F. Handel

Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee. Introduce yourself to the Presbyter if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

Birthdays this week

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6: 24-26

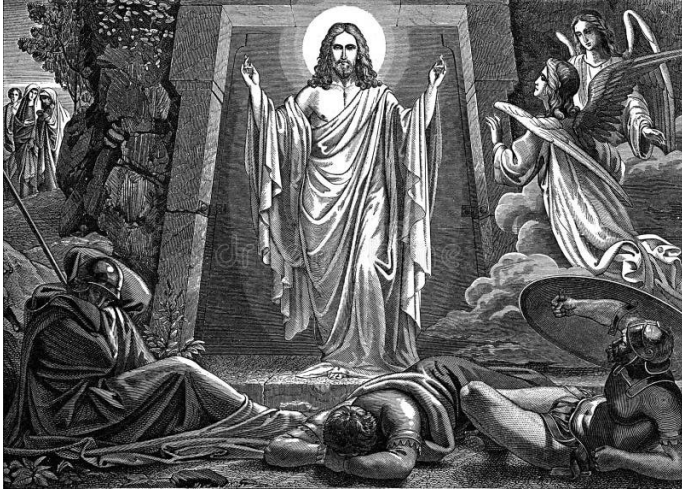
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An Easter Prayer

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Lord of life,

in the joy of Easter morning we give you thanks:

that light has overcome evil,

that love has triumphed over death,

and that in Christ a new creation has begun.

Yet we bring before you a world still marked by suffering, by war and division,

by grief, fear, and injustice.

Hold in your mercy all who suffer,

and make us instruments of your peace.

Risen Christ,

as you passed through death into life, draw us also into that new life:

that we may live not for ourselves,

but in hope, courage, and love –

bearing witness to your resurrection in all we do.

May the joy of Easter strengthen us, the hope of Easter sustain us,

and the life of Easter transform us,

until all things are made new in you.

Pray with us

- † **THE WORLD** Pray for peace and reconciliation in areas of the world experiencing conflict. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- † **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
- † **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the faithful as we rejoice in the risen Lord
- In the *Anglican Communion* for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (The Anglican Church of Mexico) and the Most Revd Alba Sally Sue Hernández García.
- † **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** All educational institutions managed by The Church of North India and The Church of South India.
- † **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the ministry of the Bishop and all diocesan office bearers and staff of the Diocesan Office.
- † **OUR CATHEDRAL** We give thanks to God for the services conducted during Lent and Holy Week in the Cathedral
- All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers
 - For the destitute and homeless in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral. May we be the hands and feet of the risen Christ and bring comfort and assistance to those in need.

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He is Risen, indeed