

# EUCCHARIST for the FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Music before the service – Selection Of Anthems From St Martin's Choir

**Deborah welcomes people to worship**

First hymn – Loves Redeeming Work Is Done

*President* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Greeting

*President* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The president offers her own welcome  
and explains the eucharistic theme for  
the day**

*Minister  
of the  
Word* Christ our Passover lamb  
has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away  
all malice and evil and confessing our  
sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

*Silence is kept.*

*Minister  
of the  
Word* Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail  
to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Minister  
of the  
Word* Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your  
followers.

*All* Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

*Minister  
of the  
Word* Like Thomas in the upper room, we are  
slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

*President* 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

*All* **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**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.*

Let us pray that we may reign  
with the risen Christ in glory.

*The president then leads the prayer for the day (from book)*

# Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

## First Reading – read by Deborah

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The next day their 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.' *Acts 4 v 5 – 12*

*At the end of the reading ...*

<i>Reader</i>	This is the word of the Lord.
<i>All</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

**Now Ian will read the New Testament  
lesson**

## New Testament Reading – read by Ian

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if

our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. *1 John 3 v 16 - end*

*At the end of the reading ...*

*Reader*        This is the word of the Lord.

*All*             Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual Hymn – In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found**

### **Gospel Reading – read by Revd Liz**

*Reader*        Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one; I was dead, and  
behold I am alive for evermore.

*All*             **Alleluia.**

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

*All*             **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘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.’

*John 10 v 11 - 18*

*At the end of the Gospel ..*

*Reader*        This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*             **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon – Revd Liz**

## Affirmation of Faith

*President* Let us declare our faith in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **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.**

## Intercessions – led by Angelique

*President* In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.  
Angelique is leading our prayers

*Intercessor*  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*(or)*  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After the final prayer ...*

*Intercessor* God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy forever.  
Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Peace

*Please stand.*

*President* 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 risen Christ  
be always with you  
*All* **and also with you. Alleluia.**  
*President* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn – How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds

### Preparation of the Table

*President* Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
and make yourself known  
in the breaking of bread.  
*All* **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*President* The Lord is here.  
*All* **His Spirit is with us.**  
*President* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things  
from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him you have freed us from  
the slavery of sin, giving him to be born  
of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead

and exalted him to your right hand on high.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *saying*:

*All* **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.**

*President* Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you 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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
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.

*All*        **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President*    Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty Resurrection  
and glorious Ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup we  
make the memorial of Christ your Son  
our Lord. Christ is the bread of life:

*All*        **When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

*President*    Accept through him, our great high  
priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and  
praise, and as we eat and drink these  
holy gifts in the presence of your divine  
majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire  
us with your love, and unite us in the  
body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*        **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President*    Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth  
and heaven, we worship you, Father  
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All*        **Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*President*    Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray



*All*            **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

*President*    **Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats of this bread will live for  
ever.**

*All*            **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## **Agnus Dei - Mass of St Cedd, Nardone, Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*President*    **Alleluia. Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us.**

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

*The president and people receive communion*

**Communion Hymn – I Give To You A New Commandment / JS Bach F  
Busoni Ich Ruf Zu Dir Herr Jesu Christ**

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said. All respond Amen.*

## NOTICES

### Final Prayer

*MOW*

We say together ...

*All*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and  
praise, that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us  
home. Dying and living,  
he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life; we who drink his cup  
bring life to others; we whom the Spirit  
lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope  
you have set before us, so we and all  
your children shall be free, and  
the whole earth live to praise your  
name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### Blessing and Sending Out

*President*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All*

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*President*

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 among you and remain  
with you always.

*All*                **Amen.**

*President*    Go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Final hymn – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Music after the service - Jazz How Great Thou Art & What A Friend We Have In  
Jesus