

Choral Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 15 May 2022 10.30am

Please take this booklet away with you

Welcome to the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. We are delighted that you have joined us today. This booklet will guide you through the Choral Eucharist. The Revd Canon Charlotte Bannister-Parker, Associate Priest, is presiding and Dr Sarah Mortimer, Licensed Lay Minister, is preaching. The Mass Setting is *Missa Brevis* by Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988) sung by the University Church Choir under the direction of Robert Howarth. The Organist is James Brown.

CHILDREN AT ST MARY'S

We are delighted to have children worshipping with us and you are welcome to breastfeed and bottle-feed in church. A selection of toys and books are available in the Newman Room (behind the glass brick wall) next to the baby changing facilities. Buggy access is via the tower entrance. Godly Play takes place monthly on the first Sunday of each month in the Old Library during the first 45 minutes of the service for children aged 3-8 years old and their family.

INFORMATION ABOUT ST MARY'S

The University Church is a Christian church within the Church of England and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths, and those of little or no faith. If you are new and would like to receive our weekly newsletter about events and services at St Mary's, sign up at: universitychurch.ox.ac.uk/content/keeping-touch.

Toilets, including a disabled toilet and baby change, are situated at the back of Church behind the glass brick wall. Entry is on the right-hand side as you look at the glass brick wall, near to the font.

To enable our worship to be uninterrupted, please ensure that all mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off before and during the service. You are kindly requested to refrain from making any audio or visual recording of any part of this service without the written permission of the Vicar. This service is live-streamed and the central nave area may be visible on camera. To avoid appearing on camera, please sit in the North Aisle or on the Balcony.

An area in the north aisle is reserved where social distancing remains in place and mask wearing is strongly encouraged. There is no sharing of the common cup at this time and Communion is in one kind.



An induction loop is available in the nave area for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.



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THE GATHERING

INTROIT HYMN

Please stand



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.

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.

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 we, with our hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) Tune: LUX EOI, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) NEH 103

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

All Amen.

President The Lord be with you and also with you.

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome may be offered

All 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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon 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.

Please sit or kneel

All 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.

President 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.

All Amen.

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory:

O Lord God, heavenly King; God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:

That takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art the most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

President Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ

have overcome death and opened to us

the gate of everlasting life: grant that,

as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11.1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved."

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand



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?

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: SAVANNAH (HERRNHUT), from MS. Choralbuch, Herrnhut (c.1740) NEH 113

Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Deacon

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.

THE GOSPEL John 13.31-35

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

All 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel

President In joy and hope, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer. or Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by saying 'Peace be with you!'

OFFERTORY HYMN

During the hymn a collection is taken, and the altar is prepared. If you would like to make a cash donation towards the work of the church, please place your donation in the basket. To donate electronically, please see page 15.



Christians, lift your hearts and voices, let your praises be outpoured; come with joy and exultation to the table of the Lord; come believing, come expectant, in obedience to his word.

See, presiding at his table, Jesus Christ our great high priest; Where he summons all his people, None is greatest. None is least; Graciously he bids them welcome To the eucharistic feast.

Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
Life and work for you to bless;
Yet unworthy is the offering,
Marred by pride and carelessness;
So, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
Plant in us true holiness.

On the evening of his passion Jesus gave the wine and bread, So that all who love and serve him Shall for evermore be fed. Taste and see the Lord is gracious Feed upon the living bread.

Words: John Edward Bowers (b.1923) A&M 436 Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER Joachim Neander (1650-1680) based on W. H. Monk A&M 619

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Please remain standing

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your 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.

All Blessed be God forever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you. All and also with you.

President Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. All

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. All

President

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in all people the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers

of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Sung by the Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that comest in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Deacon Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

President Lord of all life, help us to work together

for that day when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms and bring us

with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,

O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please sit or kneel

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI Sung by the Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

All who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive communion. To protect the most vulnerable, there is no sharing of the common cup at this time. Communion is in one kind. When directed by the stewards, please go forward to receive communion.

Those seated in the south aisle and in the nave, please go to the station in front of the nave Altar and those seated on the balcony and in the north aisle please go to the station in the De Brome Chapel. Please wash your hands with the sanitiser provided. The priest will place the sacrament into your hands with the words 'the Body of Christ' to which you respond 'Amen'. You should consume the host immediately. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer please tell the priest at the nave Altar. If you would like a prayer of blessing, please bow your head and fold your arms as you approach the altar.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Please stand



There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption through the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.



If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

> Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863) Tune: CORVEDALE, Maurice Bevan (b. 1921) A&M 806

THE DISMISSAL

NOTICES Please sit

THE BLESSING Please stand

President 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 among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and fugue in C (BWV 545) by JS Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for refreshments after the service

Announcements

PARISH LUNCH

Today at 12.00 noon in the Old Library. All are most welcome.

BAMPTON LECTURES

Tuesday 17th May - 'The Age of Hitler, and how we can escape it'. Join us for lectures 3&4 of this year's Bampton Lectures delivered by Professor Alec Ryrie FBA, Professor of the History of Christianity in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. To find out more please visit the website: https://www.universitychurch.ox.ac.uk/content/bampton-lectures

STILE ANTICO: ENSEMBLE IN RESIDENCE

We are delighted that Stile Antico will be Ensemble in Residence at the University Church from May 2022 - April 2023. This exceptional early music vocal ensemble will launch this exciting partnership with a performance of a new programme of music, The Mystic Rose, exploring glorious music written in honour of St Mary the Virgin, on Wednesday 18 May at 8.00pm. Tickets cost £30, £20 and £10 (restricted view). You can book on the church website.

INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP WALK

The Interfaith Friendship Walk will take place on Thursday 19 May, starting from the synagogue in Richmond Rd at 6 pm and ending up at the Central Mosque in Manzil Way at about 7.45 pm, stopping at St Giles churchyard (6.25 pm) and Radcliffe Square (7.00 pm) on the way. After the walk, the Muslim and Jewish communities provide supper for all in the mosque courtyard. This is a wonderful event, which you can join at any stage. We are looking for volunteer stewards and for people with first aid training. Please be in touch with Mary Lean mary.lean94@gmail.com if you can help.

PARISH FORUM

Next Sunday 22nd May at 12.00 noon in the Old Library. All are very welcome. Revd Dr Keith Hebden of Citizens UK will speak to us for 40minutes about the Christian roots of Community Organising and how it can help St Mary's to work more closely with our neighbours for justice in the city and beyond. Keith is a Community Organiser, consultant, writer, activist, and priest.

SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY

If you would like to support the ministry of the University Church, you may wish to make a cash donation at the offertory or via the contactless card machine by the High Street entrance. You can also make a donation online (please use the QR code) through the Parish Giving Scheme or by sending a text: Text "SMV X" to 70085 to donate £X. E.g.: "SMV 5" to 70085 will donate £5.00. Texts cost £X plus one standard rate message. Thank you!



This Week

Sunday	08.30	Holy Eucharist	Chancel
	10.30	Choral Eucharist	Nave
	15.30	Choral Evensong	Chancel
Monday	09.00	Morning Prayer	Chancel
	12.15	Eucharist	Chancel
Tuesday	09.00	Morning Prayer	Chancel
	10.00	Bampton Lectures	Nave & Online
Wednesday	09.00	Morning Prayer	Chancel
	12.15	Eucharist	Chancel
	20.00	Concert	Nave
Thursday Dunstan	09.00	Morning Prayer	Chancel
	12.15	Eucharist	Chancel
	12.45	Bible Study	Old Library
Friday	09.00	Morning Prayer	Chancel
Alcuin	12.15	Eucharist	Chancel
Saturday	10.00	Quiet Creativity	Old Library
	19.30	Concert	Nave

Next Sunday

Sunday 22 May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	
8.30	Holy Eucharist <i>Preacher:</i> Revd Dr William Lamb	Chancel
10.30	Choral Eucharist Preacher: Dominic Grieve QC PC	Nave
15.30	Evening Prayer (said)	Chancel



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