



**NEWCASTLE**  
CATHEDRAL



# **Festal Eucharist**

*For Easter Day*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 10.00am  
President and Preacher: The Bishop of Newcastle



# Welcome

A warm welcome to worship at Newcastle Cathedral— it is a joy to have you with us today.

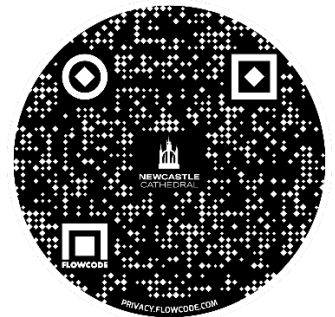
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## Music

Director of Music:

Assistant Director of Music:

Organ Scholar:

Ian Roberts  
Kris Thomsett  
James Watson

Before the service, the organist plays:

Praeludium in C buxwv 137

*Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637 - 1707)*

The Mass Setting is:

Coronation Mass

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791)*

# Easter Sunday

We are delighted that you have come to worship with us on this Easter Day.

Whilst every Sunday is a day on which we remember and celebrate the resurrection, on Easter Day that celebration is our entire focus.

Easter marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, and is the beginning of the Easter season in the Church's year – a period of seven weeks when we hear about Jesus' risen life with the disciples after he had risen from the dead and before he ascended to heaven.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion. As we know this would have been a Sunday, this day has remained the principal weekly holy day for Christians around the world. His resurrection marks the fulfilment of God's promises to us; the triumph of good over evil, life over sin and death, and love over all. It is the heart of our faith as Christians and gives us new life, and new hope.

# Order of Service

## *The Gathering*

*Please stand, as you are comfortable, to sing the Opening Hymn, during which the procession enters.*



**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

*Lyra Davidica (1708)*

*NEH 110*

*The bishop says*

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

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

*The bishop greets the people.*

The Lord be with you

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Words of welcome or introduction are said.*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

*This prayer is said.*

*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

*The deacon says:*

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

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

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The bishop says this form of Absolution.*

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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*The Gloria is sung by the Choir.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam  
tuam:

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you  
for your great glory:*

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe: Domine Deus,  
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris:  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem  
nostram,  
qui sedes ad dexteram  
Patris, miserere nobis.

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,  
Jesu Christ: Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father:  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
  
you who sit at the right hand  
of the Father, have mercy on us.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus, Jesu  
Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*For you alone are holy,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are most high, Jesus  
Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

## The Collect

*The bishop introduces the Collect.*

Let us pray

*Silence is kept.*

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Acts 10: 34-43*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Colossians 3: 1-4*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings.*

**This joyful Eastertide,**  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number.

*Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen.*

Death's flood hath lost his chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver.

*Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen.*

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

## Gospel Reading

*Please stand, as you are comfortable, to face the Gospel.  
This acclamation is sung.*

*First time: Choir; Second time: All; After sentence: All.*



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

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

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



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20: 1-18*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Sermon**

*The Rt Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley,  
Bishop of Newcastle*

*The sermon may be followed by a period of silence.*

## The Creed

*Please stand, as comfortable, to say The Nicene Creed.*

**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

*The bishop introduces the prayers.*

*Kneel or sit to pray.*

*One of these responses is used*

*All* Lord, in your mercy (or)  
**hear our prayer.**

*All* Lord hear us.  
**Lord graciously hear us.**

*The prayers end with*

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

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.*

*The bishop introduces the 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.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

*The deacon invites all to exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

*The Offertory hymn is sung as the altar is prepared. During the hymn a collection is taken. Please stand, as comfortably able.*



**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.**

**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.**

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.

*John of Damascus (c.676 - 749) NEH 117 German melody, 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Tr: John Mason Neale (1816 - 1866)*

*The bishop says this offertory prayer*

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard  
 is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire  
 that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **℟** And al - so 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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to  
 give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of  
 our redemption 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 men and women 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:

*The choir sings:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

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.

*The deacon says:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of The Blessed Virgin Mary, St Nicholas and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.



*Please kneel or sit.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language or form, as our Saviour taught us:

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 bishop breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

## Giving of Communion

*The bishop says this invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

*All who normally receive the bread and wine in any church are welcome to take Holy Communion here today. Please follow the directions of the Wardens and stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head and keep your hands at your sides when you come, to signal your intention. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please make this known to the Wardens or stewards. Please feel free to remain in your seats during this time.*

*Gluten free wafers are available; please ask if you require one. When receiving the wine, please drink from the cup.*

*During the distribution, the choir sings the following, otherwise, silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only–begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*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.**

# The Dismissal

*Please stand, as comfortably able, to sing the hymn.*



**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.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting: 30**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

**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:**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

*Edmond Budry (1854 - 1932)*

*NEH 120 Tr. Richard Hoyle (1875 - 1939)*

*The bishop says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## **Blessing**

*The bishop uses this blessing.*

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*The deacon says*

He is not here. He is risen. Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*The ministers depart.*

*You are then invited to sit for the duration of the organ voluntary.*

*Toccata from Symphony 5*

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)*

Thank you for joining us in worship today. You are warmly invited to take this order of service home with you, which has been printed on recycled paper.

If you are new, or a visitor, we hope that we will see you again soon.

*Happy Easter!  
Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse  
**Canon for Worship &  
Congregational Life**

The Very Rev'd Lee Batson  
**The Dean**

The Rev'd Canon Zoe Heming  
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