



**NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL**

**26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am: BCP Communion	President: The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse
8.30am: Morning Prayer	Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse
10.00am: Sung Eucharist	President: The Very Rev'd Lee Batson Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse
The Mass setting is:	Missa Prima Sexti Toni <i>Giovanni Croce (1557 - 1609)</i>
Organ Voluntaries:	Chant de Paix <i>Jean Langlais (1907 - 1991)</i> Dialogue <i>Charles Quef (1873 - 1931)</i>
4.00pm: Evensong	Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse

Details of weekday services can be found on the back page of this booklet, which is printed on recycled paper.

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Welcome

A warm welcome to worship at Newcastle Cathedral. If you are new, or a visitor today, please make yourself known to one of the clergy after the service – it is a joy to have you with us today.

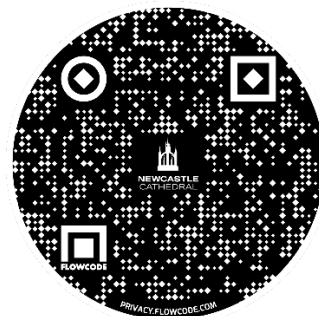
A large print copy of this booklet is available; please ask one of our welcome team at the door.

Please refrain from taking photographs during the service. Toilets are available at the far end of the Cathedral; please ask one of our welcomers if you need directions, and take care to move quietly when passing the organ loft.

During worship we are invited to sit or stand. This is only an invitation. Please move or stay seated as works best for you as we worship God together.

Giving to Newcastle Cathedral

The Cathedral needs and appreciates your financial support. A collection plate will be passed around during the service into which you can give cash or pay by card. Please give as generously as you are able. Gift Aid envelopes are available from the welcomers by the door. If you prefer, you can make a one-off donation or give regularly by scanning this QR code.



Hymns, Readings, and notices

Opening Hymn



All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray His trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Robert Bridges (1844 - 1930)

NEH 333 Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)

The Collect: Prayer for the Day

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.**

The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 42-end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2: 19-end

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The Gospel Reading

Please stand, as you are comfortable, to face the Gospel.

This acclamation is sung.

First time: Cantor; Second time: All; After sentence: All.



Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' **R**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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



‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10: 1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Offertory Hymn, during which a collection is taken

The Lord's my shep - herd I'll not want. He makes me
lie in pas - tures green. He leads me
by the still, still wa - ters, his
good - ness re - stores my soul.
And I will trust in you a - lone. And I will
trust in you a - lone. For your
end - less mer - cy fo - llows me, your
good - ness will lead me home.

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

***And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.**

And I will trust in You alone...

Psalm 23

Stuart Townend (b.1963)

Music during Communion

Surrexit pastor bonus
qui animam suam posuit pro
ovibus suis,
et pro grege suo mori dignatus
est, alleluia,

*The good shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and for his flock deigned to die,
alleluia,*

et enim pascha nostrum
immolatus est Christus.
Alleluia.
Et stetit in medio discipulorum
suorum et dixit: pax vobis.
Gavisi sunt discipuli viso
Domino,
alleluia.

*And for our Passover was sacrificed
for us: Christ.
Alleluia.
And stood in the midst of his disciples
and said: Peace be with you.
The disciples were glad when they
saw the Lord.
Alleluia.*

Jehan L'Heritier (c.1480)

Post Communion Prayer: 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.**

Final Hymn



**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes all sorrows, heals all wounds,
and drives away all 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.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

John Newton (1725 - 1807)

NEH 374 Alexander Reinagle (1799 - 1877)