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The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Sunday 10 May 2020

|The Preparation & Gathering|

Introit

“If ye love me” THOMAS TALLIS (1505 - 1585)

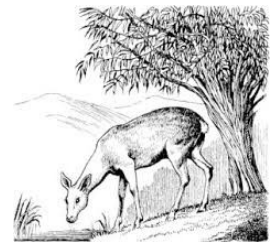
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Devotional Song ¶ All sing

“As the deer”

1. As the deer panteth for the water
so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
to You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship Thee.*



2. You're my friend
and You are my brother
even though You are a King
I love You more than any other.

3. I want You more than gold or silver
only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye.

Words: Psalm 42 • Music: MARTIN J. NYSTROM (b. 1956)



The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Presbyter

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Reflections on the Gospel for the day

ST JOHN 16. 5

Jesus gives us His response in today's Gospel. "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." It was necessary that Jesus would leave, because He wanted to send us something greater. Why was it necessary for Him to leave for the Holy Spirit to come?

The answer is Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is sent to complete God's work in us. While Jesus takes on human flesh and becomes one of us, the Holy Spirit enters into humanity to become one in us. We have the Holy Spirit in us, and He shares with us His gifts, His power, His life!

That is most definitely to our advantage! No longer are we children of darkness and sin, but the Holy Spirit has transformed us into children of God. Let us therefore praise and thank the Lord this day for so great a gift, that not only did Jesus die for us and rise again, but that the Holy Spirit lives in and is united to you and me. (This year Pentecost falls on 31 May.)

| The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson *Job 19. 21*

Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends ;
For the hand of God hath touched me.
Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?
Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were printed in a book!
That with an iron pen and lead
They were graven in the rock for ever!
For I know that my redeemer liveth,
And that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
And after my skin hath been thus destroyed,
Yet from my flesh I shall see God:
Whom I shall see for myself,
And mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Psalm 82

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zxOfcKY2oA

The Epistle *St. James 1.17-21*

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

The Holy Gospel *St. John 16.5-15*

Jesus said unto his disciples, Now I go my way to him that sent me, and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But, because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

| The Sharing of the Peace |

- Presbyter* 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
- People* **And also with you.**

| The Prayers of the People |

- Intercessor* Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* God of compassion, be close to those who are afraid or in isolation. In their darkness, be their light.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, restore them to health and strength.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Guide, O Lord, our Government as they shape national policies.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father,
- People* **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

| The Liturgy of the Lord’s Table |

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.
All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.
The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,
giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly
“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,
although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.
The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building
but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.
In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere
to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”*



“I know that my Redeemer liveth”

G. F. HÄNDEL, from ‘MESSIAH’ (1685 - 1759)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnmPtxsDqnM>

Aria

|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction The Presbyter

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Song at the Closing

“Because He Lives”



God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives!

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because
He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know
He lives!

WILLIAM GAITHER (b. 1936)

The Dismissal

Presbyter With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † God's healing hand on our nation and on all nations of the world.
- † the safety of all those in the front line fighting the pandemic.
- † in the Diocese: for Emmanuel Marathi Church, Grant Road and the Revd D. S. Gaikwad.
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Lucknow and the Rt Revd Dr Peter Baldev.
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Erode Salem Tiruppur and the Rt Revd Timothy Ravindran.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church in Kenya and the Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit .
- † all in the Cathedral community, especially for God's healing hand on Surekha Salvi.
- We are attempting to put together a virtual choir comprising of members of the Cathedral choir past and present. Please get in touch with the Organist & Choirmaster for further details.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Megan Pandian (3), Ethan Zander (8) (*Ethan is the grandson of Surendh & Cynthia Dawson*),
Jaisy Desai (11), Mercy Karkada (15)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Sathia & Nalina Sathia Raj (11), Kala & Dhanasekaran Chempaka (15)



At this time of great need
may the Lord bless us
and keep us,
may the Lord shed
His light upon us
and give us His peace.

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