



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

**Service
with the choir
of the King's School**

28th April 2024
5.30pm

WELCOME

We welcome you to Chester Cathedral!
It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

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Throughout the service, where indicated, please only stand if you feel able to do so.

Music

Anthems

Lord for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant 1530-1585

The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall b.1958

Voluntary

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Please stand, if you are able, as the clergy enter the Quire. The Dean says

Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Dean offers informal words of welcome.
Please remain standing to sing*

Opening Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

H. F. Lyte, 1793-1847

*PRAISE MY SOUL
John Goss 1800-80*

Please sit.

Gathering prayer

The Dean says

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
Through him
dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness
into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.
Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain seated as the choir sings

Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
he maketh me to lie down in green
pastures: he leadeth me beside the still
waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

Howard Goodall b. 1958

Bible reading

*Read by Victoria Hood - Dutton Prefect
L6DUT*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and
the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on
their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
brought to you, the wealth of the nations

shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of
the LORD.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to
you,

the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall be acceptable on my altar,
and I will glorify my glorious house.

Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?

For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.

Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you down,
but in my favour I have had mercy on you.

Your gates shall always be open;
day and night they shall not be shut,
so that nations shall bring you their wealth,
with their kings led in procession.

For the nation and kingdom
that will not serve you shall perish;

those nations shall be utterly laid waste.
The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary;
and I will glorify where my feet rest.
The descendants of those who oppressed
you shall come bending low to you,
and all who despised you
shall bow down at your feet;
they shall call you the City of the LORD,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 60:1-14

Please stand to sing.

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Jan Struther 1901-53

SLANE
Trad. Irish

Please sit.

Bible reading

*Read by Grace Whittaker - Dutton Prefect
L6DUT*

Now after Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:9-16

Please remain seated as the choir sings.

Anthem

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before
thee, now and evermore. Amen.

Lidley's Prayers 1566 Richard Farrant 1530-1585

Poem **Sonnet 68 - Easter**

Read by Ralph Pardo-Tuma SHDUT

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:
And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean
wash'd from sin,
May live for ever in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again:
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought,
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Edmund Spenser c.1552-99

Please remain seated.

Prayers of intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds
declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.**

Please stand, if able, to sing.

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:

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

MACCABAEUS

George Frideric Handel 1685-1759

Please remain standing.

Blessing

The Dean says

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.
Amen.

*Please remain standing as the procession
leaves.*

Voluntary

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