



*Cathedral Eucharist for
Easter and Eastertide*

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted that you have been able to join us at the Cathedral in this season of Easter! The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

*Triumphant in his glory now,
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.*

(Fulbert of Chartres)

*In this service, we say the words in **bold** together, and invite you to stand and sit as indicated. However, please stay seated if you prefer. If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them, and to use the toys and books provided. If you are joining this service from home, you are invited to prepare to light a candle in your home to reflect the lighting of the candles on the altar. The painting on the cover of this book is Christ Appears to Mary from the Vie de Jesus Mafa paintings. Jesus Mafa is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings in the 1970s.*

*Today's hymns, readings, music, prayers, choir and preacher can be found on the daily service sheet, which you are welcome to take home with you. **Please hand this book back in when you leave. You are welcome to take photographs, but not until after the service, please.***

If you are visiting, or new to us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers. If you are interested in any aspect of what Christians believe, what we do at Coventry Cathedral, or think we might be able to help you in any way, please ask a minister, or get in touch with the Reverend Kathryn Fleming, Canon for Worship & Community on 024 7652 1230 or Kathryn.fleming@coventry.anglican.org

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The Gathering

Just before the service, the congregation is welcomed. The Peace Bell is rung and we STAND. The choir may sing an Introit. We remain standing to sing the opening hymn as the procession moves to the Chancel.

Hymn

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
he raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

We have been given new birth into a living hope:
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Prayers of Penitence

The deacon uses these or other suitable words

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

Silence is kept. The deacon introduces one of the following confessions

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

(Or)

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

The president says

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.

Amen.

We remain STANDING as the choir sings

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias
agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. 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. Quoniam tu
solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe cum
Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards 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 most high in
the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

The president introduces the collect of the day.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

We SIT to hear the first reading. At the end, we use the response

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We STAND.

Gospel Acclamation

The Alleluias are sung first by the choir, then by everyone



The choir sings the gospel sentence then we all repeat the Alleluias. During the Acclamation, the Gospel procession moves to the Nave. Please turn and face the procession as it passes.

The Gospel

The deacon introduces

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [N]
Glory to you, O Lord

We hear the Gospel reading. At the end, the deacon says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

There may follow a short organ improvisation organist improvises on the text of the Gospel reading as the procession returns and the preacher moves to the Pulpit.

Sermon

Once the preacher has prayed, we SIT. After the sermon the preacher returns to their seat and time is kept for reflection.

The Creed or Affirmation of Faith

The president invites everyone to STAND and introduces one of the following

**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.**

(Or)

**Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

The president says

Let us pray to the Father who raised his Son to life
that we might live for ever in him.

Everyone SITS or KNEELS for the prayers of intercession. One of these responses, or other suitable words, may be used

We pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

(Or)

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

At the end, the following or other suitable words may be used.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We STAND and the president says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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
and also with you. Alleluia!

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a sign of peace with those around us and then remain STANDING to sing the hymn.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn, the gifts of the people may be presented.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

The president uses one of the following prayers

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Or)

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president introduces

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

The president continues with the following, or another suitable preface

We give you thanks and praise
for the Gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ,

and he reigns for ever. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory,

the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We have been crucified with Christ,

and live his risen life,

to praise you for ever with angels and archangels:

The choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues

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.

The deacon introduces

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.
Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The president continues

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 Mary, Michael 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,
now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We SIT. The president introduces

As our Risen Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us,
that we may live in you.

The Invitation to Communion

The president says

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

The choir sings as the ministers and servers receive Communion.

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

*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.*

The Giving of Communion

The ministers and the people receive communion. All are welcome to come up to receive the sacrament or a blessing. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask and we will be happy to accommodate. During the distribution, motets, anthems or hymns may be sung. If you are joining us online, you might like to say this prayer of spiritual communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Prayers after Communion

The president offers a prayer, and then leads us in saying one of the following

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

(Or)

**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

We STAND and the president introduces

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

The Blessing

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The president continues with these or other suitable words

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Hymn

*We remain STANDING to sing as the procession of ministers moves towards the West
Screen. Please TURN to face the cross as it passes.*

The Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the congregation, saying

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Voluntary

A piece of organ music concludes the service. Do stay if you can to listen!

