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21st April 2024 10:00 Parish Communion **The Fourth Sunday of Easter** Blended Worship



April Charity of the Month: Just the Job



The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father, we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment which bore the symbol of your cross and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment, that it may protect the weak and vulnerable and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

All Amen.



Opening Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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



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Opening Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

- 4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.
- 5. 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)



The Gathering

The Lord be with youAlland also with you.

The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Prayer of Preparation

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

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.



Prayers of Penitence

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.



Prayers of Penitence

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

 All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Gloria in Excelsis

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



The Collect

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.



Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:5-12 NRSV)

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.



Readings

¹¹This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God



Readings

A reading from the first letter of John (3:16-24 NRSV)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

Readings

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God



Second Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

- The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
- My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.
- Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.



Second Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

- My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
- 5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter (1650) Psalm 23



Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:11-18) All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

Gospel Reading

¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ





Sermon The Very Reverend John Dobson Dean of Ripon Cathedral

The 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.



The Creed

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.



The Creed

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.



Intercessions

Lord, in your mercyAllhear our prayer.

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



The Peace

All

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**.



Hymn at preparation: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

 I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, how he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me – sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.



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Hymn at preparation: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

I was lost but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray, raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread; but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led.



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Hymn at preparation: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

3. He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet: then he'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me – sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rawley (1854-1952)



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Preparation of the Table

All

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. **All things come from you,**

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

> Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 in these days of Easter 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:



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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;



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.



Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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



Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection. Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.



Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Communion Hymn: Faithful Shepherd, feed me

- 1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.
- Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way;
 so, with thee beside me,
 I shall never stray.
- 3. Daily bring me nearer
 to the heav'nly shore;
 may my faith grow clearer,
 may I love thee more.



Communion Hymn: Faithful Shepherd, feed me

- 4. Hallow every pleasure, ev'ry gift and pain; be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.
- 5. Day by day prepare me as thou seest best, then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896)



Prayers after Communion

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.

All Amen.



Prayers after Communion

All Faithful God,

in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Notices

Final Hymn: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

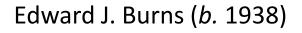
- We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.
- Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3. Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross; for all he loved his life he gave.



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Final Hymn: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

- 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free. He broke the power of death and hell
 - that we might share his victory.
- 5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified.
 He sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.





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Blessing

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.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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