



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ALL AGE MASS

21 April 2024

*President: Fr David Fisher*

*Preacher: Fr Daniel Burton*

**A warm welcome to Mass today – it's good to have you with us!**

## THE GATHERING

*Please STAND as the bell rings, to sing our first hymn:*

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

✠ We gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

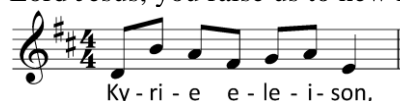
**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The President offers some words of welcome. Then:*

We remember the goodness of God, as we say sorry for the things we do wrong.

*Repeat each sung line after the Cantor:*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:



Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:



Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread:



*The President pronounces God's Absolution:*

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.

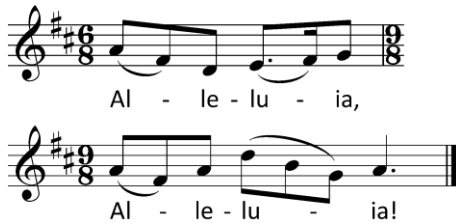
**Amen.**

**The Collect of the day is prayed:**

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.  
**Amen.**

**Remain STANDING to sing the Gospel Acclamation,  
repeating each line after the cantor:**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



**The cantor sings:**

*I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.*

**We repeat the alleluias.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**✠ Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No 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.'

*John 10:11-18*

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

**The address follows. Then stand for:**

My brothers and sisters, do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things, the one for whom we exist?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith.**  
**We believe and trust in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Please STAND**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 risen Lord be always with you;  
**And also with you. Alleluia**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

**Please do give to the retiring collection at the end of Mass,  
as you leave church, using one of the Contactless machines.**

**As the Altar is prepared, we sing:**

**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 no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.**

*The President takes the bread and wine:*

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R.** It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

*Repeat each line after the Cantor:*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles-sed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's ✠ body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Repeat each line after the Cantor:*

Christ has died,  
Christ is ris'n,  
Christ will come a - gain.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

*We all say together in aloud voice:*

**AMEN!**

*Silent prayer.*

Rejoicing the power of the Resurrection, so we pray:

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

*The President breaks the blessed bread for all to share:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*We say Agnus Dei:*

**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.**

**The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Baptised persons who are communicant members of Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own church, may receive Holy Communion at this service.**

**If you prefer to receive a blessing, keep your hands at your side and your head bowed..**

**When all have received Holy Communion:**

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 risen Lord. Amen.

**SIT for the notices, then STAND for**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, this Eastertide and always.  
Amen.

**We sing the final hymn:**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John  
—  
They came with me and the dance went on.**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;  
They left me there on a cross to die.**

**I danced on the Friday when the sky turned black –  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I'm the dance and I still go on.**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.**

**The Deacon dismisses the people:**

The Mass is ended; go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Refreshments are served after Mass and everyone is warmly invited to stay!**

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