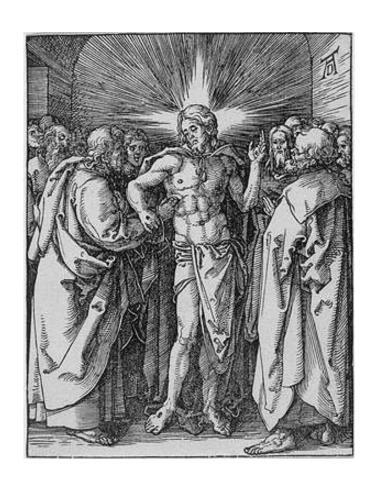


St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge The Diocese of London



The Sung Eucharist *Low Sunday*27th April 2014 at 11 a.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Introductory Rite

At 11 a.m. a bell is rung. All stand to sing:

THE ENTRANCE HYMN (486)

We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for men in all 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.

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.

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.

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.

> Edward Burns (b.1938) Music: 'Fulda' by William Gardiner (fl.1815)

THE GREETING

When all are in their places the Celebrant says:

▼ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you and with thy spirit.

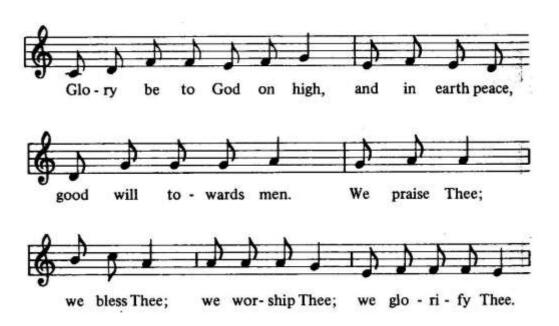
Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

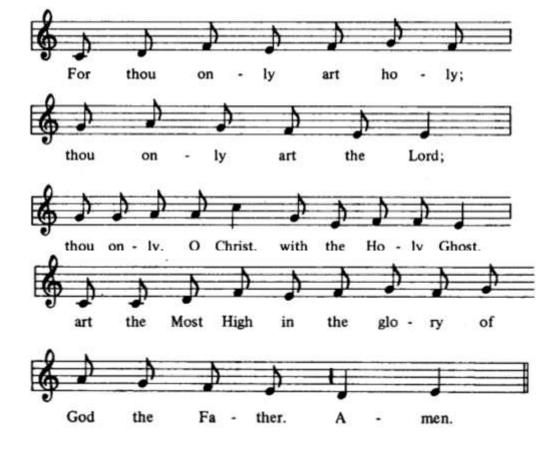
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All stand to sing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO







All remain standing.

THE COLLECT

The Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer:

Let us pray.

Thereafter, he sings:

Almighty Father,

who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The Acts of the Apostles 2. 14a; 22-32

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

The Cantor sings:

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee have I put my trust. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord: Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee. All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth: and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god shall have great trouble. Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer: neither make

mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup : thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning: my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell: neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy: and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Psalm 16

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1: 3-9

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE GRADUAL HYMN (178)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia!* unto Christ, our heavenly king, *Alleluia!* who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia!* sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia!*

But the pains which he endured *Alleluia!* our salvation have procured; *Alleluia!* now above the sky he's king, *Alleluia!* where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!*

Anonymous; from Lyra Davidica (1708) Music: 'Easter Hymn' - anonymous from a melody in Lyra Davidica (1708)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings:



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the First and the Last, says the Lord, and the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Deacon says:

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20: 19-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Sloane Associate Vicar

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Phoebe Burridge is presented to the congregation. The Celebrant addresses the whole congregation, saying:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Celebrant then says to the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

To the parents and the godparents, the Celebrant says:

Those who bring children to be baptized must affirm their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil. It is your duty to bring up this child to fight against evil and to follow Christ.

Therefore I ask these questions: Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil? I renounce evil.

THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.** *The Servers and Sacred Ministers, parents and godparents move to the font.*

THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant stands before the water of baptism and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth, who keeps his promise for ever.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank thee, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water thou didst lead the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In water thy Son, Jesus, received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank thee, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to thy Son, we baptize into his fellowship this child who is brought to him in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, she may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in thy image, may she walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the Faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our 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.

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant baptizes the child, saying:

Pheobe Grace Ophelia, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The Celebrant anoints the child with the oil of Chrism, saying:

May God, who has received thee by baptism into his Church, pour upon thee the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people thou mayest daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Receive this light. This is to show that you have passed from darkness to light. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Servers and Sacred Ministers return to the platform. The congregation is blessed with the Baptismal water. All return to their places.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

All kneel. Either of the following responses may be used:

Lord in thy mercy or Lord, hear us

hear our prayer

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the departed, these words may be used:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

At the end, a brief period of silence is kept for personal prayer. All say:

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

All sit.

THE NOTICES

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said: 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. and with thy spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace with those standing close by.

THE OFFERTORY

The gifts of the people are carried to the altar and presented. A collection is taken to support our work, ministry and charitable giving. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided, remembering to fill in all the details. The altar is prepared and the gifts of bread and wine, the altar, and the sanctuary party are censed.

THE COLLECTION HYMN (271)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the sceptre, his the throne. Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood. Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how; though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore?'

Alleluia! bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! king eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh our great high priest; thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: 'Hyfrydol' by Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-1887).

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

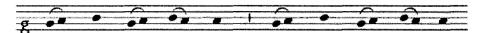
Sung by Helen Meyerhoff

Et Exultavit Spiritus Meus from The Magnificat in D J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

When the Thurifer approaches, all stand to be censed. After being censed, all remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant sings: All respond:



The Lord be with you R and with thy spi-rit.



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



Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.



R It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord.

For he is thy living Word;

through him thou hast created all things from the beginning, and fashioned us in thine own image.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman,

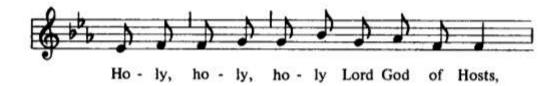
to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession, exalting him to thy right hand on high, and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

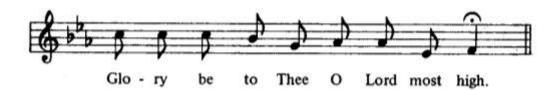
But chiefly are we bound to praise thee because thou didst raise him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

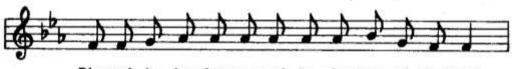
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

We sing:









Bles-sed is he that co-meth in the name of the Lord.



The prayer continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith, Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

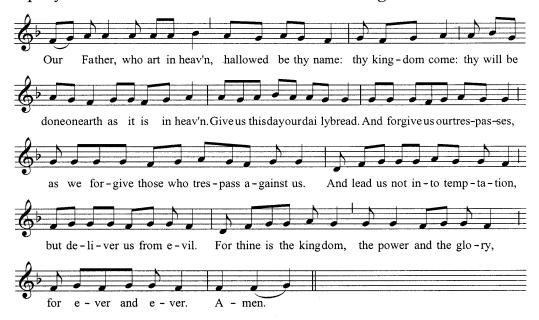
Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of thy divine majesty, renew us by thy Holy Spirit, inspire us with thy love, and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All kneel. The Celebrant sings:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.



THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

THE GIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

By way of invitation to receive the Sacrament the Celebrant says:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Sacred Ministers and Servers receive the Holy Communion, followed by the people, beginning with those seated at the front of the Nave.

All who normally do so in their own Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to approach the altar to receive a blessing, carrying this booklet in their hands as an indication to the Priest.



COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by Helen Meyerhoff

Quia Respexit Humilitatem

from The Magnificat in D J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray. *All kneel*.

Lord God our Father, who, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, hast assured us of eternal life and in baptism made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in thy love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory.
Amen.

All stand.

THE CONCLUDING HYMN (413)

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns, with them in highest heaven, the One eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) Music: 'Nun Danket'; from Johann Crüger (fl.1647), Praxis Pietatis Melica

All remain standing.

THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant says:

The Lord be with you and with thy spirit.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

All remain standing as the Servers and Sacred Ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

played by Jeremy Cole

Fugue in C, BWV 545 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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