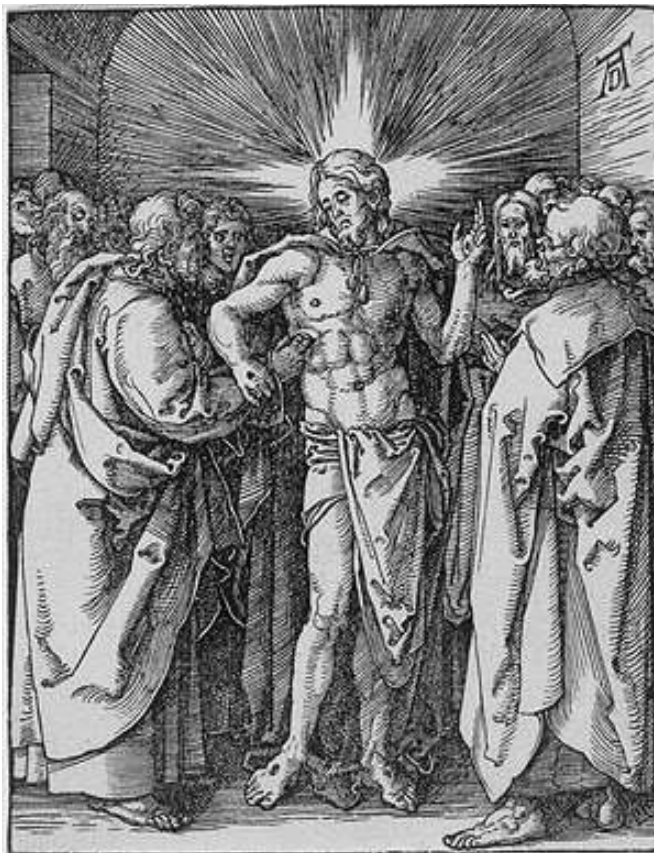


# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE



The Sung Eucharist  
*Low Sunday*  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 11 a.m.

*Welcome to St Paul's Knightsbridge, part of the Diocese of London and a church of the worldwide Anglican Communion. If you are visiting us from another church, please make yourself known to the sidesmen or to one of the clergy after the service. Members of all Christian churches are welcome to share with us in this Eucharist – and those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament are invited to approach the altar at the time of Communion, to receive a blessing.*

*There is a loop system in the lower parts of the church for the benefit of the hearing-impaired. Hearing aid users should switch their devices to 'T'.*

*During the service a collection will be taken for the work of the church in this parish, throughout the Diocese of London and further afield. Please use the special envelopes at the end of each pew to maximise your giving through the 'Giftaid' scheme.*

*Members of the congregation are asked to ensure that mobile phones are switched off (or to silent) and are reminded that the taking of photographs or the making of audio or video recordings during services is prohibited.*

*Cover image:  
Doubting Thomas  
Albrecht Dürer (1471– 1528)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

The Introductory Rite

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## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

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

✠ 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*All kneel.*

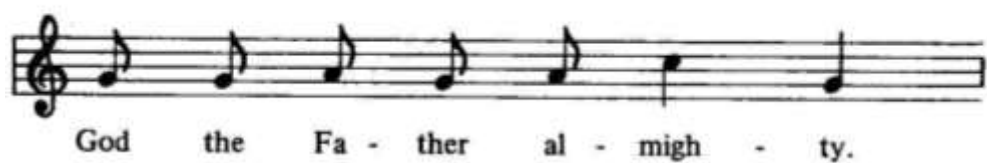
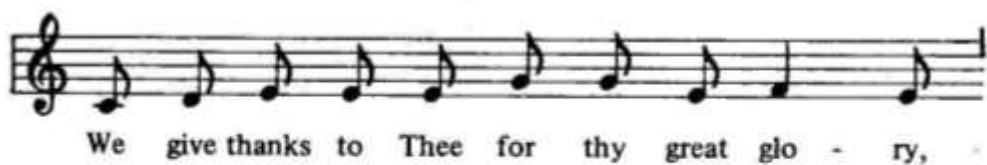
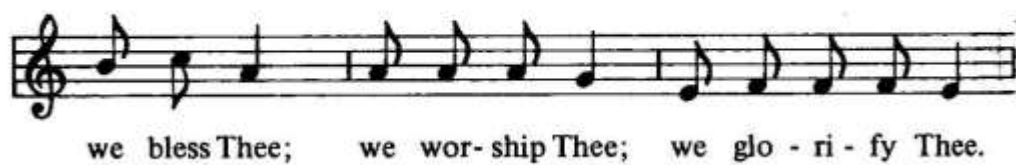
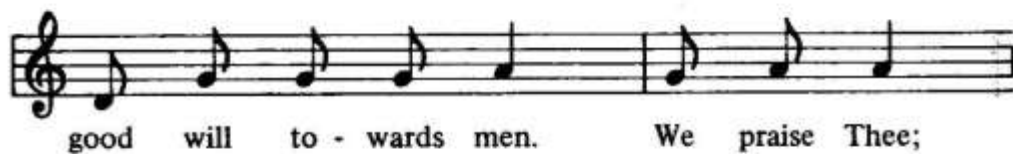
**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against thee  
and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are heartily sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who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

*The Celebrant says:*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*All stand to sing*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO





O Lord the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,



have mer - cy up - on us.



Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,



re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



have mer - cy up - on us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly;  
 thou on - ly art the Lord;  
 thou on - ly. O Christ. with the Ho - ly Ghost.  
 art the Most High in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*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 always 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

*Acts of the Apostles 4. 32-35*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*At the end:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALMODY

*The Cantor sings:*

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is

brethren, to dwell together in unity !

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard

even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon

which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised his blessing

and life for evermore.

*Psalm 133*

## THE SECOND READING

*1 John 1.1- 2.2*

A reading from the First Letter of St John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have



seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*At the end:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

**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, 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 Right Reverend Michael Colclough  
*Bishop in Residence at St Paul's*

*Silence is kept.*

## THE CREED

*All stand with the Celebrant, who says:* Let us make affirmation of our faith.

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible:  
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost  
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*All remain standing.*

## 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 Liturgy of the Sacrament**

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## 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

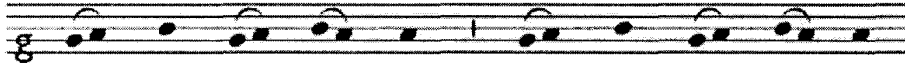
Quia respexit humilitatem *from* Magnificat in D major  
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
sung by Zoë Bonner

*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:*

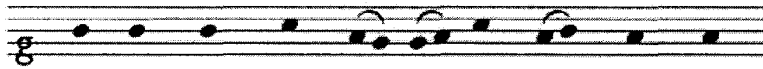
*All respond:*



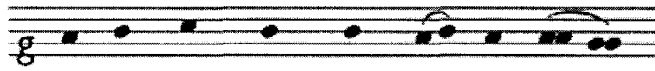
The Lord be with you *R.* and with thy spi-rit.



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.**

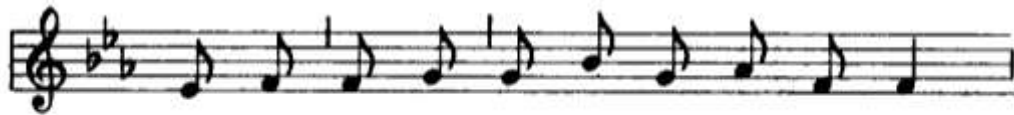
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ,  
thine only Son, our Lord. For he is thy living Word; through him thou hast  
created all things from the beginning, 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts,



hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.



Glo - ry be to Thee O Lord most high.



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



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

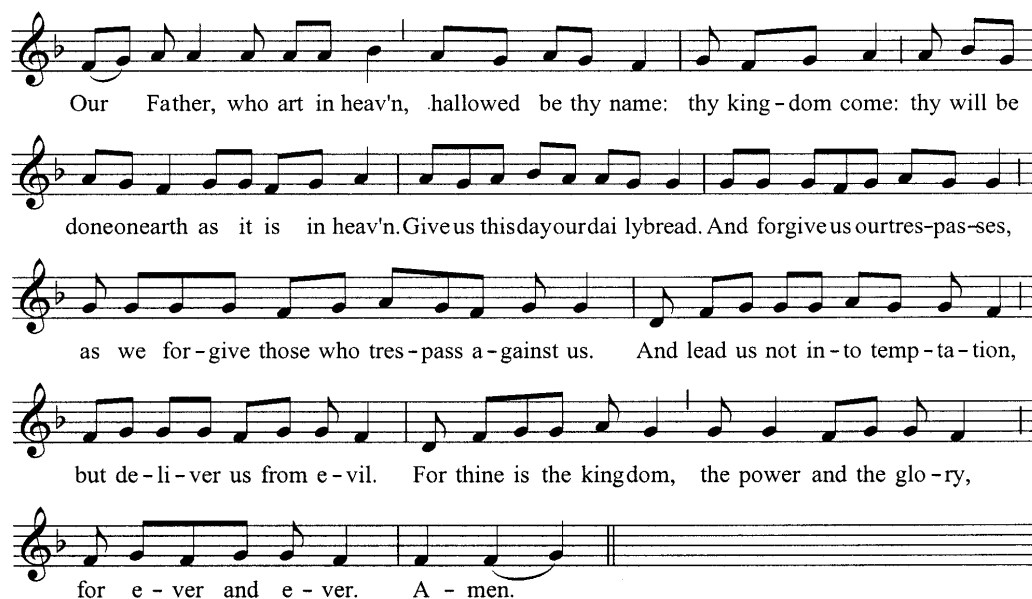
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All kneel. The Celebrant sings:*

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

*All sing:*



Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name: thy king-dom come: thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai ly bread. And forgive us our tres-pas-ses,  
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,  
but de-li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry,  
for e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

## 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.

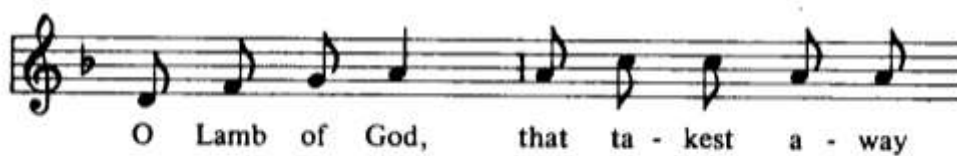
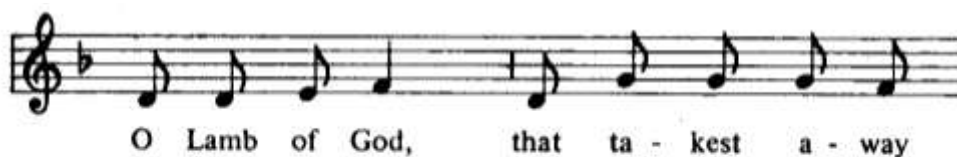
**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*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.*

### AGNUS DEI



## COMMUNION ANTHEM

'I know my redeemer liveth' *from* Messiah.  
by G. F Handel (1685-1759)

## 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 blessed 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.*

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## The Concluding Rite

### 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.**

*The Deacon says:*

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 Stephen Farr*

**Praeludium in g  
Nikolaus Bruhns (1665 -1697)**

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