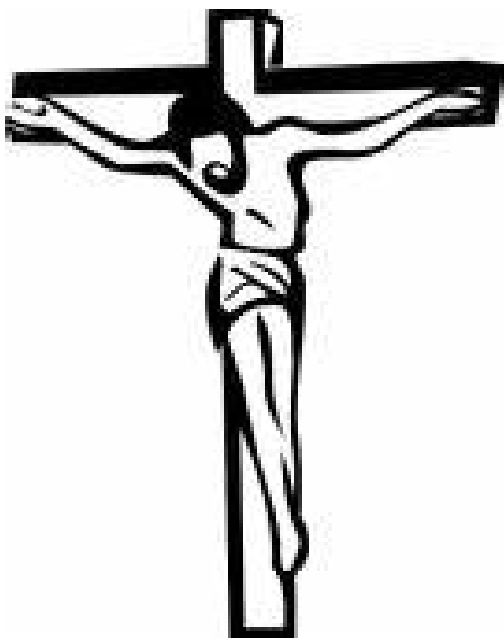


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The Liturgy of Good Friday

18th April 2025
12 noon

President

The Revd Canon Dr Gregory Platten
Chancellor

Preacher

The Rt Revd Graham James

Welcome to Lichfield Cathedral



The Chapter of Lichfield Cathedral extends a warm welcome to any who find themselves in the Cathedral today as guests or visitors: it is good to be able to share with you in this Good Friday Liturgy, in which we identify with Jesus in his suffering and death, just as we also look forward to sharing in the joyful celebration of his risen life at Easter.

Today's service is a unified Liturgy, a single celebration of the Cross, which falls into four discrete parts, each of about 45 minutes. Those who cannot stay for the entire liturgy may conveniently enter or leave church **during the hymn** at the beginning of each new section.

The service also makes some use of silence, to enable us to enter into the silent suffering and praying of Jesus. Please feel free to sit or kneel during the silences, as you find most helpful.

PART I THE RITE OF PREPARATION

12:00

As an act of preparation for us to hear the story of the Passion we listen to passages from the prophecy of Isaiah and psalmody, together with the first address by The Rt Revd Graham James. This section, as each section, concludes with a time of silence.

PART II THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

12:45

The focus of this section is on the *Proclamation of the Passion* narrative from St John's Gospel. It is followed by the prayers of penitence and the second address.

PART III THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

13:30

After the reading and third address, a simple rough wooden cross is carried through the Cathedral, pausing at the same places as those at which we will proclaim the Light of Christ at dawn on Easter morning.

The symbols of our Lord's death and resurrection are thereby closely linked: there would be no reason to proclaim the Cross but for the Easter experience which followed it; nor would we celebrate Easter but for the Cross which preceded it. The cross will be placed in the Nave sanctuary for The Veneration of the Cross, when those who wish to do so may come forward and drape the cross with a length of red ribbon, symbolic of our sins and the boundless love with which they were met by our God and his suffering Son.

The Liturgy comes to a climax with reception of Holy Communion from that which was consecrated at last night's Eucharist of the Last Supper and reserved in the Place of Repose (representative of Gethsemane) as a focus for prayer and devotion during the Watch which lasted until late into the evening. A final address is given.

The conclusion of this afternoon's service is the reading of the Gospel of the burial of Christ. As we listen the cross, draped with its red ribbons, is solemnly covered with a sheet reminiscent of the shroud that Jesus' body was wrapped in by Joseph of Arimathea.

ADDRESSES: *We are pleased to welcome The Rt Revd Graham James as our preacher. Bishop Graham is the Retired Bishop of Norwich.*

'THE STRANGENESS OF THE CROSS'

Something strange is unpredictable, disturbing or not easily explained. The Cross of Jesus Christ is all these things. There is also a new strangeness about the Cross in an age like our own which tends to understand suffering only in negative terms. Perhaps we may make best sense of the Cross through words and concepts which are also part of the story of Good Friday – love, grace and light among them.

MUSIC FOR THIS SERVICE

Music in Parts I and II are sung by the Full Foundation Choir;
Parts III and IV are sung by Lichfield Cathedral Chamber Choir.

I THE RITE OF PREPARATION

The Litany	<i>Lamb</i>
Christus factus est	<i>Bruckner</i>

II THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

The Passion according to St John	<i>Victoria</i>
Stabat Mater dolorosa	<i>Cesis</i>
Crucifixus à 8	<i>Lotti</i>

III THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Civitas sancti tui	<i>Byrd</i>
The Reproaches	<i>Sanders</i>

IV THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici	<i>Rubbra</i>
Wie liegt die Stadt so wust	<i>Mauersberger</i>

THANK YOU FOR ENSURING THAT ALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS ARE SILENCED

Safety

Please always follow any directions given in how we need to move around the Cathedral. In the unlikely event of an emergency, please remain quiet and respond calmly and promptly to the directions of the Vergers.

Posture

The order of service indicates whether to sit, kneel or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with.

Photography and Livestreaming

Whilst we ask that members of the congregation do not take photographs or video of our worship, please note that at some of our services our Cathedral volunteer photographers will be taking photographs. We are also livestreaming to Facebook or YouTube many of our services. Whilst we do our best to not film the congregation for the livestream, please do let us know if this is a particular issue for you and we will assist by letting you know where you can sit so that you do not appear on screen.

Offerings

We are always immensely grateful to members of our worshipping community for their continued generosity. Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. There will be plates at the doors and additionally, there are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you are unfamiliar with these devices please do ask a steward or verger for assistance.

For those worshipping at home, you can text SPIRES to 70191 to give £10, or visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate

*Please join in whatever is printed in **bold type**.*

*The congregation,
having dispersed last night in silence, gathers **in silence** once again.*

THE RITE OF PREPARATION

12:00-12:45

LITANY — *Ben Lamb (b.1974)*

Sit or Kneel as the choir and clergy proceed from the shrine to the Nave Sanctuary singing the Litany from the Book of Common Prayer.

The President and ministers prostrate themselves before the altar table.

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit until the hymn on page 9

FIRST READING Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals — so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated as silence is kept before the choir sings

PSALM 22.1-21

1. My God my God look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:
and art so far from my health and from the words of my complaint?
2. O my God I cry in the day-time but thou hearest not:
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
3. And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.
4. Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee and thou didst deliver them.
5. They called upon thee and were holpen:
they put their trust in thee and were not confounded.
6. But as for me I am a worm and no man:
a very scorn of men and the outcast of the people.
7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips and shake their heads saying
8. He trusted in God that he would deliver him:
let him deliver him if he will have him.
9. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:
thou wast my hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:
 thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
11. O go not from me for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.
12. Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
13. They gape upon me with their mouths:
 as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint:
 my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:
 and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
16. For many dogs are come about me:
 and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
17. They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones:
 they stand staring and looking upon me.
18. They part my garments among them: and casts lots upon my vesture.
19. But be not thou far from me O Lord:
 thou art my succour haste thee to help me.
20. Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.
21. Save me from the lion's mouth:
 thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

Silence is kept

FIRST ADDRESS

THE STRANGENESS OF THE CROSS – 1. THE COST OF SUFFERING

The Rt Revd Graham James

MOTET *Christus factus est*

Music — Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*For us, Christ became obedient unto death,
even to death on the cross. Wherefore God exalted him
and gave him a name which is above every name.*

Remain seated or kneel until 12:45 in SILENCE

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THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

12:45–13:30

Stand

HYMN 119 *Passion Chorale*

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
the hosts of heaven adore.

2. Thy beauty, long-desirèd,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired,
and quenched the Light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.

3. I pray thee, Jesus, own me,
me, Shepherd good, for thine;
who to thy fold hast won me,
and fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
incline thy face to me,
this comfort that I lose not,
on earth to comfort thee.

4. In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,
yet thank thee for thy death.

5. My days are few, O fail not,
with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour:
that I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended
upon the cross of life.

Paul Gerhardt 1607-1676 from a 14th century Latin hymn. *tr.* Robert Bridges 1844-1930

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
unstop our ears that we may receive the gospel of the Cross;
lighten our eyes that we may see your glory in the face of your Son;
penetrate our minds that your truth may make us whole;
and irradiate our hearts with your love;
that we may love one another
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

Music — Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Stand after the words

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

After the words

‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

it is customary to pause a while in prayer.

We continue standing (unless prevented by health reasons) to hear the remainder of the Passion, after which we kneel awhile as silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Remain kneeling

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed. *1 Peter 2: 24*

Let us call to mind those sins which have crucified the living Lord,
and pray for the grace of repentance.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have failed you
as did your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease, rather than watch with you:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ, have mercy.**

When we bestow a kiss of peace yet nurse enmity in our hearts:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ, have mercy.**

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ, have mercy.**

When we deny that we know you for fear of the world and its scorn:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven. **Amen.**

Remain kneeling as the choir sings

MOTET *Stabat Mater dolorosa — Sister Sulpitia Cesis (1577-c.1619)*

The grieving Mother stood weeping beside the cross where her Son was hanging; through her weeping soul, compassionate and grieving, a sword passed. O how sad and afflicted was that blessed Mother of the Only-begotten, who mourned and grieved and trembled looking at the torment of her glorious Child.

Who is there that would not weep, seeing the Mother of Christ in such agony? Holy Mother, grant that the wounds of the Crucified drive deep into my heart. That I may share the pain of your wounded Son, who so deigned to suffer for me, let me be wounded with his wounds, inebriated by the cross because of love for the Son. When my body dies, grant that to my soul is given the glory of paradise.

Sit

SECOND ADDRESS:

THE STRANGENESS OF THE CROSS – 2. THE WOUND OF LOVE

The Rt Revd Graham James

MOTET *Crucifixus à 8 — Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)*

*He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate:
He suffered and was buried.*

*Remain seated or kneel until 13:30 in **SILENCE***

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**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS AND
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

13:30-14:15

HYMN 125 *Bow Brickhill*

Stand

1. **We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.**
2. **Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is Love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**
3. **The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.**
4. **It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:**
5. **The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855

Remain standing

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
to whose glory we proclaim the Cross of your Son Jesus Christ:
by his passion guard and defend us;
by his wounds heal us; by his blood wash us from sin;
by his death bring us to everlasting life and glory;
for in him is the fulfilment of our hopes and longings,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept

THIRD ADDRESS:

THE STRANGENESS OF THE CROSS – 3. THE GIFT OF GRACE

The Rt Revd Graham James

MOTET *Civitas sancti tui*

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

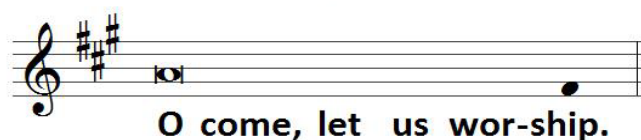
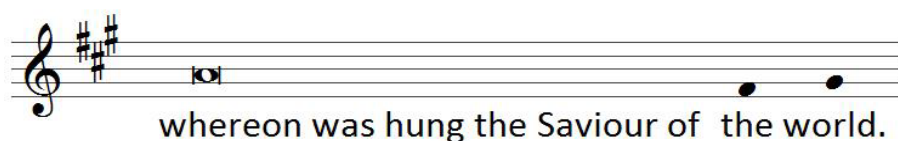
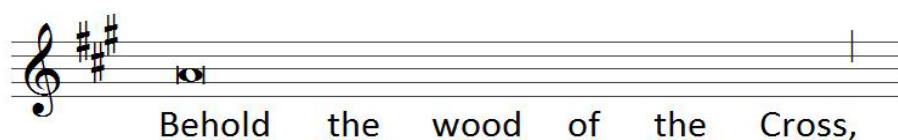
Thy holy cities are a wilderness. Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Stand

A wooden cross is carried through the Nave to the Sanctuary, the procession pausing at the west end, the central nave and the nave platform as cantor and the people sing the Acclamation.

ACCLAMATION *Behold, the wood of the Cross*



After the cross has been placed in the Nave Sanctuary, and the third acclamation sung, the following is said:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Christ was manifested in the body,
vindicated in the spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world, glorified in high heaven.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Kneel

Everyone is welcome to come to the cross and reverence or venerate it in any way they desire. Lengths of red ribbon are available near the Nave Sanctuary for you to drape over the cross: this may represent your prayer or be a symbol of penitence or a desire to live more faithfully in the way of the Cross.

If you wish to stay awhile in prayer, please move to the sides.

During the Veneration, the choir sings

THE REPROACHES *John Sanders (1933-2003)*

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!
I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom,
but you led your Saviour to the cross.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.
For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Saviour to the cross. Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I bore you up with manna in the desert,
but you struck me down and scourged me.

I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns.

I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Remain kneeling

The President concludes the Veneration

You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain;
and by your blood you ransomed for God saints
from every tribe and language and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God.
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins
by his blood, and made us a kingdom of priests
to stand and serve before our God;

**To him who sits upon the throne
and to the Lamb be praise and honour,
glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Remain kneeling or sit

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The President prays

God sent his Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for people everywhere according to their needs.

1 FOR THE CHURCH

The Canon Missioner prays

Let us pray for the Church of God:
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
for Michael our Bishop and the people of this diocese,
for those to be baptised, for those who are persecuted for their faith,
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The President prays

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body
of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2 FOR THE WORLD

The Canon Missioner prays

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Charles our King and the Parliaments of this land,
for those who serve in public office and
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The President prays

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace,
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3 FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND FOR THOSE OF OTHER FAITHS.

The Dean prays

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christians and those of other faiths,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The President prays

Lord God of Abraham, bless all the children of your covenant;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

4 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

The Dean prays

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith, for those who are enemies of Christ
and persecute those who follow him,
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The President prays

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5 FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

The Canon Missioner prays

Let us pray for all those who suffer: for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, for prisoners,
captives and refugees, for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The President prays

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad,
the strength of those who suffer:
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble,
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6 FOR ALL PEOPLE, LIVING AND DEPARTED

The Canon Missioner prays

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The President concludes

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Remain seated or kneel until 14:15 in silence

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

14:15-15:00

Stand

HYMN 121 *Pange Lingua*

during which the Blessed Sacrament, reserved at last night's Eucharist, is brought from the Altar of Repose to be placed on the Nave Altar.

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| <p>1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
sing the ending of the fray,
o'er the cross, the victor's trophy,
sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
as a victim won the day.</p> | <p>2. God in pity saw man fallen,
shamed and sunk in misery,
when he fell on death by tasting
fruit of the forbidden tree:
then another tree was chosen
which the world from death should free.</p> |
| <p>3. Therefore when the appointed fullness
of the holy time was come,
he was sent who maketh all things
forth from God's eternal home:
thus he came to earth, incarnate,
offspring of a maiden's womb.</p> | |
| <p>4. Thirty years among us dwelling,
now at length his hour fulfilled,
born for this, he meets his Passion,
for that this he freely willed,
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
where his life-blood shall be spilled.</p> | <p>5. To the Trinity be glory
everlasting, as is meet;
equal to the Father, equal
to the Son and Paraclete:
Trinal Unity, whose praises
all created things repeat. Amen.</p> |

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus 530-609
tr. Percy Dearmer 1867-1936

Kneel as silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is 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 to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving their communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those worshipping online)*

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.

Holy Communion is received at the front of the Nave Platform or at the back of the Cathedral.

Those of any Christian denomination who are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to do so here. Please follow the directions given by the vergers and stewards who will indicate which communion station you should go to. If you do not normally receive communion please do come forward to receive a prayer of blessing.

Gluten free hosts are available at each station for those who require them, please let the priest know if you require one. If you have difficulty in walking to the communion station, please inform a steward and we will gladly bring the sacrament to you in your place.

During the administration of Communion the choir sings:

AGNUS DEI Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici — *Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us; grant us thy peace.

MOTET

Wie liegt die Stadt so wüst

Rudolf Mauersberger (1889-1971)

Wie liegt die Stadt so wüst, die voll
Volks war.

*How lonely sits the city that was full
of people!*

Alle ihre Tore stehen öde.

All her gates are desolate.

Wie liegen die Steine des Heiligtums
vorn auf allen Gassen zerstreut.

*How the stones of her sanctuary lie
scattered at the head of every street.*

Er hat ein Feuer aus der Höhe
in meine Gebeine gesandt und es
lassen walten.

*He sent fire from on high; into my
bones he made it descend.*

Ist das die Stadt, von der man sagt,
sie sei die Allerschönste, der sich
das ganze Land freuet.

*Is this the city which was called the
most beautiful, that in which the
whole land rejoices?*

Sie hätte nicht gedacht,
daß es ihr zuletzt so gehen würde;
sie ist ja zu greulich
heruntergestoßen und hat dazu
niemand, der sie tröstet.

*She had not thought that this would
be her final end; therefore her fall is
terrible, and she has no one to
comfort her.*

Darum ist unser Herz betrübt
und unsere Augen sind finster
geworden:

*This is why our heart has become
sick, These things have caused our
eyes to grow dark.*

Warum willst du unser so gar
vergessen und uns lebenslang so gar
verlassen!

*Why do you forget us for ever, why
have you for so long forsaken us?*

Bringe uns, Herr, wieder zu dir,
daß wir wieder heimkommen!
Erneue unsre Tage wie vor alters.

*Bring us, O Lord, back to you, that we
come home again! Renew our days
as of old.*

Ach Herr, siehe an mein Elend!

O Lord, behold my affliction!

Words from the Lamentations of Jeremiah

FOURTH ADDRESS:

THE STRANGENESS OF THE CROSS – 4. THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

The Rt Revd Graham James

SILENCE

is kept until 14:55pm

If possible, in order to preserve the silence, please do not move from your place until the next hymn. Anyone leaving is asked to do so at the start of the hymn, moving forwards via the side aisles to depart by way of the South Transept doors where there will be an opportunity to contribute to the retiring collection. Thank you.

HYMN 127 Rockingham

Stand

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**4. His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree:
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Remain standing

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Remain standing

GOSPEL OF THE BURIAL OF CHRIST

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no-one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

John 19: 38-42

All depart in silence, without ceremony or greeting.

Please give as generously as you are able to the retiring collection.

***Please do all that you can to maintain the silence of the Cathedral Church
on this most solemn day.***

Please note that, although candles are not lit until Easter, those wishing to leave prayer requests may still do so at the Shrine of St Chad.

WORSHIP FOR EASTER

EASTER EVE

Saturday 19th April 2025

20:00 The Easter Liturgy with Baptism & Confirmation

EASTER SUNDAY

20th April 2025

08:00 Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

10:30 Choral Eucharist

15:30 Solemn Choral Evensong & and Procession

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