



The **Scottish Episcopal Church**

Growing in faith and holiness

United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway



Easter Season

Sunday 3 May 2020



The Eucharist for
4th Sunday of Easter

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Opening Hymn: Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it
from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prEq8NOx3vs>

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The theme for the service is introduced

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE *sung using The Salisbury Setting*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA - *a setting to enjoy listening to from The Fisherfolk*
from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3te_ztESun0

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING - Acts 2.42–47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM Psalm 23

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

**The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

R3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.19–25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: 19 It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 22 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' 23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins

in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Gradual Hymn 296: How shall I sing that majesty
from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOI-YWWpEXk>

GOSPEL John 10.1-10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

1 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, and for the Church and its members.

At the end of the intercessions we may say:

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

PEACE

We meet in Christ's name
let us share his peace.

Alleluia alleluia! The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you Alleluia Alleluia!

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

Offertory hymn 68 Be still my soul the Lord is at your side
from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snGEoVfUGuQ>

OFFERING

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.
Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work,
from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,
proclaims the dawn of hope.
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,
your breath is power
to purge our sin
and warm our hearts to love.
As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

we sing Holy, Holy, Holy *sung using The Salisbury Setting*

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now
in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.
Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:

*"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."*

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

*"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into
the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

LORD'S PRAYER *sung using 546 Weiner setting in our church hymn books*

As our Saviour has taught *or*
us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has
commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God *sung using The Salisbury Setting*

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

Our Spiritual Communion prayer

We make our Spiritual Communion as we pray privately

God of unending love,
you are present to us in Word and Sacrament.
With all around the world who gather to worship,
I offer you my praise and thanksgiving;
and though I cannot eat the bread of God,
or drink the royal wine of heaven,
I pray that I may know the fountain of your love drench my heart
and your Incarnate presence encompass me behind and before,
that through the power of your Spirit,
I may rejoice in the sure and certain hope
that I abide in your wondrous love now and for all eternity,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

*followed by an invitation to join in singing Christ is risen from the dead
from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-LHFy40z78>*

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer of the day

God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely
to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

General Thanksgiving Prayer

Father,

**your steadfast purpose is the completion
of all things in your Son.**

**May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,
live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,
until the world reflects your glory
and you are all in all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices — *shout-outs and messages*

BLESSING

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.**



Closing hymn: Ye servants of God

from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngReLoza0Fk>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia alleluia!

Closing music An Easter Postlude from St Edmunds Episcopal Church

Sam Marino, California

from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTBFLAKkzAo>

and Regina Caeli sung by VOCES8: Regina Caeli Laetare - Tomás Luis de Victoria
from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BXo66MfKSs>

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this Service video for this 4th Sunday of Easter 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown
All contributions were sent in by telephone, email or file transfer – no social contacts were made to create this act of worship.

Thanks to YouTube advertising - all music artists whose work was used will receive royalties through the YouTube system for their contribution to this service. We are very grateful to the creativity of others around the world who have uploaded music and songs which have helped us raise our souls in praise and prayer today – thank you!

The opening Vicar of Dibley music came from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAZN1oVir5A>

Happy Easter Season 2020

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Keep safe

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– you are welcome in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

