# St Andrew's, Chesterton Sung Eucharist

# 12 May 2024 The Sunday after Ascension Day

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## **Processional Hymn**

- Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoner leaps to lose his chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like incense shall arise with every morning sacrifice.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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# The Greeting

In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you **And also with you.** 

The Service is introduced.

## Confession

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without sin. He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us. Through him we approach the throne of grace with confidence, and confess our sins.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

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.** 

# The Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## New Testament Reading: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of<sup>I</sup> James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup> 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

# **Gradual Hymn**

- I In our darkness light has shone, Alleluia, still today the light shines on, Alleluia; Word made flesh in human birth, Alleluia, Light and Life of all the earth, Alleluia!
- 2 Christ the Son incarnate see, Alleluia, by whom all things came to be, Alleluia; through the world his splendours shine, Alleluia, full of grace and truth divine, Alleluia!
- 3 All who now in him believe, Alleluia, everlasting life receive, Alleluia; born of God and in his care, Alleluia, we his name and nature share, Alleluia!
- 4 Christ a child on earth appears, Alleluia, crown of all creation's years, Alleluia; God's eternal Word has come, Alleluia, he shall lead his people home, Alleluia!

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# Gospel Reading— John 17:6-19

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

## Glory to you, O Lord

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,<sup>1</sup> so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

#### Sermon

# The Creed

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 Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

These responses may be used Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

And at the end Merciful Father, Accept these prayers For the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.' Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.



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# **Offertory Hymn**

- Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour first-begotten from the dead, thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia, alleluia, Jesu, true and living bread.
- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow; here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia, alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

- 3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluia, alleluia, we in worship join with them.
- 4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain, Alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.
- 5 Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

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### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

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

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

The president praises God for his mighty acts and the choir sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.

[Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.]

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with **Amen.** 

We kneel and keep a moment's silence

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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.

### **Agnus Dei**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. Grant us thy peace.

## **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 and people receive communion. Visitors who are communicant members of their home churches are welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by bringing your order of service with you. There will be two communion stations – one at the Nave altar (for receiving the bread dipped in the wine), and one at the South Aisle altar (for receiving the bread and the wine separately), and for kneeling – if that is your preference.

If you would like someone to pray with you members of the wholeness and healing prayer group are available at the back of church.

# Communion Motet - God is gone up

God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

Words based on Psalm 47: 5-7; Music: William Croft (1628-1727)

## Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Notices

#### Sending Out Hymn

I Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above! sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:

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## Blessing

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.