



**King's Lynn Minster**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

## **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Welcome to King's Lynn Minster. As we once again come out of lockdown, things will be a little different during the service today, but don't worry, we'll guide you through the changes along the way.*

*Please make sure mobile phones are switched off. Switch hearing aids to "T" to use the loop system.*

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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.**

*The Priest introduces the service and confession of sins:*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*The Priest says the prayer of absolution.*

*All say:*

**Glory to God in the Highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## **Acts of the Apostles Ch 4, verses 5-12**

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Reading*

**The Gospel: John 10. 11-18**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you O, Lord.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away - because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** *The Revd John Smith*

**The Creed** – *please stand*

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel for prayers intercession.*

During the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

At the end:

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

*Please stand for the Peace.*

*The Priest introduces the Peace and then says:*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please sit whilst the altar is prepared.*

***Meditative music***

*The Priest may say this or another prayer over the gifts:*

Lord, restore us by these Easter mysteries.  
May the continuing work of our redeemer  
bring us eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

### **The Eucharistic 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 thanks and praise.**

*The eucharistic prayer continues, then all say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The eucharistic prayer continues until:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*At the end of the eucharistic prayer all say:* **Amen**

*Please sit or kneel*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught 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.  
 Lead us not into temptation  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours  
 now and for 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.**

*All say the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy on us  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy on us  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
 Grant us peace**

### **The invitation to Communion**

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Please sit for a moment of prayer before the administration of communion.*

*If you normally receive Communion in any Church you are welcome to receive at this service, the Priest will come to you and we ask that you hold out your hands in preparation for the bread to be placed in your hands. If you do not receive, you are welcome to have a blessing, keep this booklet in your hands and bow your head, to indicate that you would prefer a blessing.*

*After a moment of silence, stand for the post communion prayers:*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life  
and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**The Blessing:**

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

*The priest says the blessing.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



