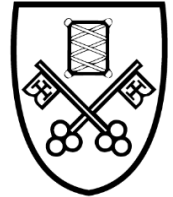




The Cathedral Church  
of St Peter Bradford



# Choral Evensong

Easter Day

4 April 2021

15.30

# Welcome to Bradford Cathedral

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One of three Cathedrals in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds*

**Our purpose is to serve Jesus Christ as a vibrant community of worship and mission enriching the City, the Diocese and further afield.**

- ❖ Please join in at home, and in the Cathedral, by saying or singing the words in **bold type** in this order of service.
- ❖ The final two hymns will be sung outside and the congregation are allowed to join in with these.
- ❖ This is a service of Holy Communion. The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.
- ❖ Please note that this service will be broadcast live on YouTube and be available for the following two weeks.
- ❖ Members of the Cathedral Choir and Music Department lead this morning's worship.

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## Welcome

*The Reverend Canon Paul Maybury, Canon Precentor*

## Introduction

Dearly beloved brethren,  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places  
to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;  
and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of  
Almighty God our heavenly Father;  
but confess them  
with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart;  
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same,  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.  
And although we ought at all times  
humbly to acknowledge our sins before God;  
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,  
when we assemble and meet together  
to render thanks for the great benefits  
that we have received at his hands,  
to set forth his most worthy praise,  
to hear his most holy Word,  
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,  
as well for the body as the soul.  
Wherefore I pray and beseech you,  
as many as are here present,  
to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice  
unto the throne of the heavenly grace,  
saying after me:

We sit

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of  
our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us:  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us  
miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter  
live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desireth not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live;  
and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers,  
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,  
the Absolution and Remission of their sins:  
He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,  
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.  
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,  
and his Holy Spirit,  
that those things may please him, which we do at this present;  
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy;  
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

## Versicles and Responses

*O Lord, open thou our lips  
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

*O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*We stand*

*Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.*

*We sit*

*Psalmody Psalm 66.1-11*

*We stand at the end of the psalm(s) as the doxology is sung:*

*Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.*

We sit

## Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."

<sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

We stand

**Magnificat** Wood in E flat (No. 2)

*MY soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.*

*For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.*

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.*

*He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

*He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.*

New Testament Lesson Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup>He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



We stand

*Nunc dimittis* Wood in E flat (No. 2)

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;*

*Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.*

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the Communion of Saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## The Lesser Litany

*The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.*

*Let us pray.*

We sit

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.*

*O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.*

*O Lord, save the Queen.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

*The Collects are sung:*

## *The Collect of the Day*

*Almighty God,  
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death,  
and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:  
We humbly beseech thee,  
that as by thy special grace preventing us  
thou dost put into our minds good desires,  
so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
ever one God, world without end.  
Amen.*

## *The Collect for Peace*

*O God, from whom all holy desires,  
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants  
that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.*

## *The Collect for Aid against all Perils*

*Lighten our darkness,  
we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

## Anthem

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Pascal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.*

*For Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
crushing the serpent's head;  
and cries aloud through death's domains  
to wake the imprisoned dead.*

*Devouring depths of hell their prey  
at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where Jesus goes before.*

*Triumphant in his glory now  
to him all power is given;  
to him in one communion bow  
all saints in earth and heaven.*

*While we his soldiers praise our King,  
his mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.*

*All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.*

*Alleluia, Amen.*

*Words: St. Fulbert of Chartres (ca. 960-1028)  
Music: C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers conclude with the grace:*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

## Dismissal

*As the organ voluntary plays, we move outside for the singing of hymns*

## Hymn

**The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God;  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.**

*Words: St. John of Damascus (d. ca. 574)  
Tune: ELLACOMBE; CP 157*

## Hymn

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King.  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
*Alleluia.***

**The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say  
*Alleluia.***

**Praise we in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high  
*Alleluia.***

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing to-day with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
*Alleluia.***

Words: C.A. Alington (1872-1955)  
Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT; CP 145



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