

The Cathedral Church of St Paul  
Dundee



**Cathedral Eucharist**  
on the Fifth Sunday of Easter  
*28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 10.30 am*

# Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

A warm welcome to all who are joining this service, whether in person or online. If you are new here or a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of the welcomers or the clergy.

This service is livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsdundee](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdundee) and will be available to watch there afterwards.

You are invited to join in the words printed in **bold type** in this order of service.

Directions for standing, sitting, and kneeling are given, but please feel free to do what is most comfortable for you during the service.

All are invited to receive communion at this service.

Welcomers will guide you when to go forward for communion or a blessing.

Communion is available in both kinds, the bread and the wine.

If you would prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the wine and return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers and communion by intinction are available.

Welcome stewards are on duty to help if you need any information.

- Please switch phones to silent or off.
- If you use a hearing aid, switch it to 'T' for direct access to the sound system.
- Toilets and baby changing facilities are through the side door to the rear of the left-hand aisle.

All are invited to remain for refreshments which will be served at the back of the cathedral after the service.

*Other services at St Paul's Cathedral this week:*

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Midweek Eucharist</b>
Monday-Thursday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer – <i>also live-streamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page</i>

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# THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

STAND

**God, your love fills all creation,  
bringing light and life to birth,  
paints the morning sky with splendour,  
warms and nurtures fruitful earth,  
'Alleluia! Alleluia!'  
is our song of grateful praise.**

**Day by day your love surrounds us.  
Grant us grace to see your hand  
in each touch of human kindness,  
in the blessings of this land.  
'Alleluia! Alleluia!'  
is our song of grateful praise.**

**For this house in which we gather,  
all our friends in Christ who care,  
for your Word, sustaining, guiding,  
for the bread of life we share,  
'Alleluia! Alleluia!'  
is our song of grateful praise.**

**God of love, both Gift and Giver,  
teach us also how to give.  
Make our hearts and hands more open,  
sharing gifts that all may live.  
May our lives be Alleluias,  
songs of thankfulness and praise!**

*Words: Herman G. Stuempfle  
Tune: Praise my soul*

GREETING

REMAIN STANDING

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed: Alleluia!**  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

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

Trusting in this love, we pray:

Holy God, Maker of All: **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus Christ, Son of Mary: **have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit, Breath of Life: **have mercy on us.**

## ABSOLUTION

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

## GLORIA

*Refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by ALL*

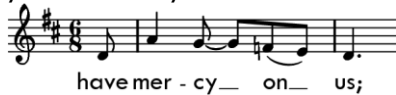


Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! and peace to all peo-ple on earth...

*choir:* Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

*all:* **Glory! Glory!...**

*choir:* 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;



*all:* have mer - cy on us;

*choir:* you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



*all:* re-ceive our prayer.

*all:* **Glory! Glory!...**

choir: For you alone are the Holy One,



Glo-ry! Glo-ry!

choir: you alone are the Lord,

all: **Glor-y! Glor-y!...** (as above)

choir: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

all: **Glor-y! Glor-y!...** (as above)

choir: with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.



Glo-ry! Glo-ry! Glor-y to God in the high-est, Glo-ry! Glo-ry! and



peace to all people on earth. A - men. A - men.

music: Steven R Janco; © 2000 WLP

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

*The congregation, still standing, remains for a short time in silent prayer.*

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world

and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage

to risk ourselves for those we serve,

to the glory of God our Creator:

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING – Acts 8.26-40

SIT

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

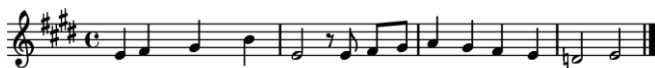
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptised?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## PSALM 22:25-31

REMAIN SEATED

*Antiphon sung first by cantor, thereafter by all; verses sung by cantor*



I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live on forever and ever! *Antiphon*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *Antiphon*

And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his saving justice to peoples yet unborn:

'These are the things the Lord has done.' *Antiphon*

Music: Michel Guimont.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, ‘I love God’, and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND

*We turn to face the Gospel book as it moves to the centre of the congregation*

*Acclamation sung by all with verse 1*

refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

verse

Cantor All Cantor All  
Word of the Fa-ther: Je - sus Christ! Hope of the world: Je - sus Christ!

Cantor All Cantor All  
Bro-ken and bur-ied: Je - sus Christ! Ris - en to life: Je - sus Christ!

All sing: **Alleluia...**

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**GOSPEL READING – John 15.1-8**

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

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

all sing: **Alleluia...**

**SERMON**

SIT

The Very Revd Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Provost

*After the sermon there is a brief silence for reflection.*

*All stand when the president stands.*



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*SIT or KNEEL*

Response: God of love, **live in us.**

## PEACE

*STAND*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

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

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

*We share a sign of Peace with those around us.*

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# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

*During this hymn, the offering is received; the bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

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**Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;**

**Changed from glory into glory,  
fill in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Tune: Love Divine*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff has a 'Presider' label above the first measure and an 'All' label above the fifth measure. The second staff has an 'All' label above the first measure and a 'Presider' label above the fifth measure. The third staff has an 'All' label above the first measure. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 shone clear  
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,  
greeting 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.**

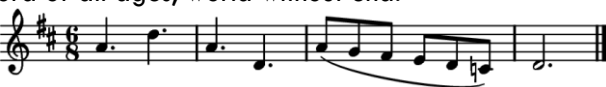
Hear us, most merciful God,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,

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.

*all sing:*



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's presence here among us,  
as our Saviour has 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.  
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.**

## INVITATION

The risen Lord comes to us now in bread and in wine.  
Come to his table, where all are welcome.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## AGNUS DEI

*SIT or KNEEL*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

*Music: Steven R Janco; © 2000 WLP*

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive.*

*Please come forward as guided by the stewards.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands clasped.*

*At the giving of the bread and wine, we respond: **Amen.***

## COMMUNION SONG

*Refrain sung by ALL; verses sung by choir*



One bread, one bod - y, one cup, one call,  
one faith, one Spir - it pres - ent in us all.  
One prayer, one bless - ing, one hope, one peace  
one church, one peo - ple, one love re - leased.

*Verses:*

Is not this bread we share, the body of our Lord?  
Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ outpoured? *Refrain*

I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live.  
To those who share this meal, my strength I'll always give: *Refrain*

I am the living bread, as manna from the sky.  
This bread I give to you, that you may never die: *Refrain*

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## ANTHEM

*Love one another for love is of God.  
Those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.*

Those who show love are the children of God;  
father and mother is God to each of them.

God showed love in the face of the Son;  
Christ lives in us so that we might live through him.

Love has no place for the menace of fear;  
fear is abandoned where perfect love is found.

Love has its purpose in God's holy will;  
we learn to love from the one who loved us first.

*text: John L. Bell & Graham Maule; music: John L. Bell*

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## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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### SENTENCE

STAND

Blessed be God. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Giver of the Bread of Life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### PRAYER

**Loving God, you have made this day  
bright with the radiance of the risen Christ;  
may we who have been raised with him in baptism  
and nourished by him in this Eucharist  
reflect the light of his glory  
that all may know of his love. Amen.**

## HYMN

**Christ the vine, and God the gardener,  
we the branches bearing fruit.  
We can bring forth shoots of promise  
when our lives in Christ take root.  
Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing,  
you fulfilled the prophet's trust.  
And you pray that we, your body,  
will fulfil your trust in us.**

**Christ, may we submit to pruning  
that we bear more grapes for wine.  
Help us, when we're overburdened,  
draw new strength from you the vine.  
You invite us to be partners,  
growing Spirit's fruit anew.  
Keep us one in love together:  
you in us, and we in you!**

*Words: Edith Sinclair Downing  
Tune: Hyfrydol*

## BLESSING

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do God's will;  
and the blessing of God,  
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you,  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**