

Collects, Readings and Music at the CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 25 April 2021, 10.00am

We welcome the Revd Stephen Ibbotson to preach at the Cathedral Eucharist today. Stephen and Helena worship at the Minster, having retired after 40 years in Baptist ministry and are well known to many of us. Stephen coordinates and regularly contributes to the *Stilling Prayer* group (which has grown to over 70 participants online in the last year). Over many years he has been a spiritual director and retreat leader, especially influenced formed by Ignatian spirituality.

SETTING FOR THE EUCHARIST

Communion Service in G

Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The next day their 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.'

Jesus said: '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.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Please do not sing along, but you may wish to pray the words silently as you listen.

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

COMMUNION MOTET

My shepherd is the living Lord, nothing therefore I need, in pastures fair with waters calm he sets me for to feed, he did concert and glad my soul and brought my mind in frame to walk in paths of righteousness for his most holy name. Through all my life thy favour is so frankly shewed to me that in thy house for evermore my dwelling place shall be. Amen.

Words: Psalm 23

Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

POST-COMMUNION

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in D 'Hallelujah!'

Franz Schmidt (1874-1939)

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