Limerick

EASTER V
Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May 2021
A message from the Dean

Happy Easter! On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you (albeit virtually) to Saint Mary’s Cathedral, Limerick. No matter where you are joining us from, together we celebrate this service from a site of Christian worship and witness for over 850 years.

The Very Rev’d Niall J. Sloane, Dean.

Devotional Prayers

Before Service
O Lord, open our Lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise, and purify our hearts that we may worthily magnify your glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, stand before your throne, and serve you day and night in Your Temple. Amen.

After Celebration
O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of your Passion: grant, we implore you, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption.
   You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

After Service
Grant, O Lord, that what we have sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and may always steadfastly fulfil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Organist is Mr Peter Barley
AN ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of God’s People
Stand

Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE
Abide in me as I abide in you

The minister may introduce the service in these or other suitable words:
Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God’s forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

The minister says

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel. Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word
Stand

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth will proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.
Praise the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.

FIRST CANTICLE: JUBILATE Psalm 100
1 O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his | presence | with a | song.
2 Be ye sure that the Lord | he is | God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves we are his people | and the | sheep of | his | pasture.
3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his | courts with | praise; be thankful unto him and speak | good of | his | name.
4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory | be | to the | Father, and to the Son, | and | to the | Holy | Spirit; as it | was in | the beginning, is now and ever shall be, | world with out | end. Amen.
First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40
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 baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized 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
From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord’s, and he rules over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him? He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

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

Second Reading: St John 15: 1-8
‘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.'
SECOND CANTICLE: THE EASTER ANTHEMS

1 Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.
2 Not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
3 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
4 For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin; but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
6 Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
7 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
8 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

HYMN 8

1 The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice; from world to world the joy shall ring, 'The Lord omnipotent is King!'
5 One Lord one empire all secures; he reigns, and life and death are yours; through earth and heaven one song shall ring, 'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

The Sermon: The Dean’s Vicar

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Music

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
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.

The versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
O Lord, guide and defend our rulers and grant our government wisdom.
Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness and let your servants shout for joy.
O Lord, save your people and bless those whom you have chosen.
Give peace in our time, O Lord, and let your glory be over all the earth.
O God, make clean our hearts within us and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

**THE COLLECTS**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers, concluding with the Grace

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

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**THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.
CELEBRATING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

The Offertory – Hymn 451 (Tune: Ellacombe)

1 We come as guests invited
   When Jesus bids us dine,
   His friends on earth united
   To share the bread and wine;
   The bread of life is broken,
   The wine is freely poured
   For us, in solemn token
   Of Christ, our dying Lord.

3 One Bread is ours for sharing,
   One single fruitful Vine,
   Our fellowship declaring
   Renewed in bread and wine -
   Renewed, sustained and given
   By token, sign and word,
   The pledge and seal of heaven,
   The love of Christ our Lord.

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise: Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us; by dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life: And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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!

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death, 
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, 
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

Happy 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 COMMUNION (Prayer for Spiritual Communion, after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester)

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

THE GREAT SILENCE

GOING OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father, through your goodness we are refreshed through your Son in word and sacrament. May our faith be so strengthened and guarded that we may witness to your eternal love by our words and in our lives. Grant this for Jesus’ sake, our Lord. Amen.

followed by

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of 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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary
SAINT MARY’S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK

According to myth, Saint Mary’s Cathedral is built on the site of the Viking thingmote, later the palace of the O’Brien kings of Thomond, and was given to the church by King Donal Mór O’Brien in 1168. This myth appears to have no foundation and obscures the extraordinary importance of Saint Mary’s Cathedral - probably the most important medieval building to survive intact in Ireland, and still performing its original function.

The diocese of Limerick was formally established by the Synod of Rath Breasail in 1111, and the church of Saint Mary, in heart of the Norse city, was declared the cathedral of the diocese – the only cathedral in any diocese named by the synod. That church was replaced between 1150 and 1174 by the core of the present Saint Mary’s Cathedral. The great pointed arcade arches of the nave (among the earliest in Ireland) and the round arched windows of the clerestory above them, with the narrow aisles, represent the only intact native Irish church built on a Continental scale to survive intact from before the Norman invasion in 1169 – all the others are in ruins.

The design of the nave, aisles and chancel is a native Irish adaptation of the Burgundian style, introduced into Ireland by the Cistercians after 1142, further embellished by the fine Hiberno-Romanesque west door. The tombstone of its first great benefactor, King Donal Mór O’Brien, can still be seen in the chancel.

In the following centuries the cathedral was embellished by the wealthy merchants of Limerick who built the chantry chapels on the north and south sides of the nave - the largest surviving range of medieval chantry chapels in any Irish church. The cathedral boasts Ireland’s largest medieval altar stone and Ireland’s only surviving medieval choir stalls. These choir stalls, with their charming carved misericords, constitute the largest intact collection of carved woodwork and furniture from medieval Ireland. Thought to date from about 1480, they may actually date to before 1426. The misericords supported the choral posteriors during the long offices the Cathedral Chapter was obliged to perform.

Later centuries saw the installation of the massive 17th century Thomond Monument in the chancel, beside the tomb of Donal Mór O’Brien. In the early 19th century, the Pain brothers designed the Bishop’s Throne or Cathedra, the screen to the Glentworth Chapel and the monument to Bishop John Jebb, the precursor of the Oxford Movement with his High Church opinions. The nineteenth century stained glass is particularly fine, the largest window, by the Harry Clarke Studio, was dedicated in 1961 by Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of York. Michael Pearse, the father of the patriot, Patrick Pearse, carved the reredos in the chancel, and the chancel screen was designed by Edward Conor O’Brien in 1921.

Saint Mary’s Cathedral is an extraordinarily complex building representing developments from the mid-twelfth century to the later twentieth century – a treasure of Irish religious art. It continues to be a place of prayer and pilgrimage for all who enter its doors and a symbol of faith, hope and love to the city of Limerick.

www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org
SAINT MARY’S CATHEDRAL – GENERAL INFORMATION

Opening Times
The Cathedral is open every day except the 26th, 27th December and 1st January. No charges are made for those who come to join our worship or who wish to pray privately, and everyone is welcome.

Supporting the Cathedral
Saint Mary’s Cathedral is a registered charity, and we do not receive state aid. The average weekly running costs of the cathedral and its ministry to the city is €6,000. By purchasing a ticket or making a donation or legacy, you are contributing towards the maintenance of Saint Mary’s Cathedral and helping preserve it for future generations. Thank you!

Become a Friend
The Friends of Saint Mary’s exist to support the Dean & Cathedral Chapter in maintaining and enhancing the Cathedral and its surroundings. Assisting and supporting the Dean and Chapter in maintaining and improving the services, music, fabric, fittings, furniture, ornaments, monuments and facilities of the Cathedral. Encouraging the interest and participation of young people through education and activities. Stimulating and maintaining public interest in the Cathedral. Supporting the needs of the Cathedral’s mission in the modern world.
There Friends are united in their desire to support and maintain this 850-year-old Cathedral. Joining the Friends helps ensure that we can continue this important work.

Please visit the website for full details – www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org

Facilities
Car parking is available in the grounds of the Cathedral or in the adjacent Car Park
There are toilets on site.
There is a small gift shop located within the Cathedral where visitors can purchase souvenirs of their visit.
Guided/Public Tours are available. School Groups can be accommodated.

Service Notes
- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: www.churchservices.tv and the Cathedral website (www.saintmaryscathedral.ie) within the 90 days following the service. After that time recordings will be destroyed however exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral required it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on both websites www.churchservices.tv and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie and/or other communication channels of the Cathedral). If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office.
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**THIS WEEKS NOTICES**

**DIOCESE OF LIMERICK & KILLALOE**

Applications are invited for the position of

**Diocesan Secretary**

The role requires significant executive and administrative skills, involving work hours of approximately 25 per week (not evenly spread).

For further details and application contact:

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Golf Links Road, Castletroy, Limerick.

bishopsecretary@limerick.anglican.org.

Closing date for applications: May 8th 2021

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**Prayers about the Coronavirus outbreak:** Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Saint Michael’s Committee:** The Committee will meet online on Monday 10th May at 7.30pm. Please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com for the Zoom link which will be sent out on the day of the meeting.

**Lunchtime talks:** The Cathedral is delighted to announce a series of free on-line lunchtime talks. Full details may be found in the attached poster.

**Future Services:** The Dean is inviting people to submit hymn requests for future services, please email your suggestions to limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com

**The Leamy Protestant Board of Education Limerick:** The Board is a long-established Trust which has had a certain amount of finance available for the annual distribution of Education Grants, to those who meet the necessary criteria set down by the Trust’s Constitution. If you or a family member wish to make an application, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Pearl Mitchell – pearlcmitchell@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 30th June 2021.

**Bon Voyage:** To Rachel Brickenden who is heading to Melbourne on Tuesday to pursue her career in nursing. She has been working in the H.S.E Covid coordination centre in Limerick for the past 14 months. More recently Rachel has been part of the covid 19 schools team in the H.S.E. Safe travels, Rachel!

**Livestreaming:** Log onto www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Sunday services will air at 11.15am.
Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Edna Mc Elveen, Amanda Armstrong, Muriel Blennerhassett, Thalia White, Frank Mc Glone, Padraig O’Connor, Yvonne and Ella Buchtrup and John Kernan.

Cycle of Prayer: Church of Ireland: Diocese of Connor and Bishop George Davison. Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. Diocese: The General Synod and its members from our diocese.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, Lorraine McCarthy, John Nix, Archie Brown, Sylvia Martin, Joe Boyle, Frank Sheahan, Emily, Moira Lowry, Jim Curson, Alan Kennedy and Victor Barley.

NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email your prayer request to limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com. Under GDPR regulations please ensure you have the consent of the named person(s) before submitting a name. For confidentiality reasons the clergy would appreciate NOT being asked on the status of people. Whilst we appreciate people are showing care and concern, it can compromise the relationship between pastor and parishioner. Thank you.

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