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CATHEDRAL**  
LIMERICK



**SERVICE BOOKLET**

**Easter IV**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**



## **A message from the Dean**

Happy Easter! On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. You are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000<sup>th</sup> time! We share in worship which has been offered here for 850 years.

*Niall*

The Very Rev'd Niall J. Sloane,  
Dean.

## **Devotional Prayers**

### *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.

Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family. By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory forever and ever. 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.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Order of Service



### MUSIC

#### INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

##### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

##### PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

*The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant 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.**

##### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 OF THE DAY

*Said by the Celebrant*

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**

THE FIRST READING

*Please sit*

**Acts 2: 42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

THE PSALM

**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE EPISTLE

**I Peter 2: 19-25**

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

*Please stand*

MUSIC

THE GOSPEL

*Please turn to face the reader*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John chapter 10 beginning at verse 1

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON: THE DEAN

*Please sit*

THE NICENE 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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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*Please kneel or sit*

*The Response to ‘Lord in your mercy’ is ‘hear our prayer’*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 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.**

## THE PEACE

*Please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

### THE OFFERTORY – HYMN 683

Old Hundredth



1  
All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

3  
O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

5  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from us and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

Words: William Kethe, d.1594

## 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 singing: *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

MUSIC

**GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.** *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.**

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 20

*Dominus regit me*



The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

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

*Words: Henry Williams Baker, 1821-77*

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!**

MUSIC

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## THIS WEEKS NOTICES

**Until further notice all parish activities and acts of public worship have been suspended. If you need to contact a member of the clergy, please find details below.**

**Sympathy:** Our thoughts and prayers go to Margaret Brickenden and her family on the death of her uncle in England.

**Coffee morning:** On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May the Dean will host a coffee morning in the Deanery (via Zoom!) for each of the churches. Join us, if you can!

*For Saint Michaels at 10am – Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75303567737?pwd=MXkrTXJ4b0lRd05ZZXJ2UWRFNghlUT09>

Meeting ID: 753 0356 7737 Password: 006903

*For Saint Mary's at 10.30am – Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75072977731?pwd=UVFrdTlkL0p5RnpIS0k0a2pEREdHZz09>

Meeting ID: 750 7297 7731 Password: 012477

*For Abington at 11am – Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74770606934?pwd=bVWt3TFIFMmxSYVFUZmsxTlpScIzhdz09>

Meeting ID: 747 7060 6934 Password: 028884

**Hymns:** For next Sunday we are inviting parishioners to submit suggestions for hymns to be used during the service. Email your choice to [dean@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:dean@limerick.anglican.org)

**Havergal and Roxboro Schools' Charity & Leamy Board of Education:** These funds which help with education grants are now open for applications. For more information please contact the Dean.

**Newslink:** Due to Covid 19 there will be no Newslink for May. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**Sing Ode to Joy Live from Saint Mary's Cathedral Limerick:** Stand with our fellow European Citizens during this challenging time and sing. Join us Live from your home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm and sing the European National Anthem, Ode to Joy. Our Organist Mr. Peter Barley will perform from Limerick's Medieval Cathedral and we invite the citizens of Limerick City & County to join us and sing with him. Join us on Facebook Live Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick or log on to our live stream service at [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys) Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm. Peter Barley, Organist and Choir Master from Saint Mary's Cathedral has put together a tutorial to help exercise your vocal cords and prepare to be pitch perfect. The tutorial will be available on the Saint Mary's Cathedral Facebook/Instagram/Twitter pages from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Church closures:** Due to ongoing restrictions, it is with regret that all our church buildings are fully closed to the public.

**Children's Resources:** Please see [www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/607/covid19-resources-for-family-activities#section-607](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/607/covid19-resources-for-family-activities#section-607) for a selection of resources for the junior members of our parish.

**Livestreaming:** In the last week and in collaboration with Church Services TV a camera has been installed in the Cathedral to livestream services. We are grateful to the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund who have made this possible. The Dean has been given a special letter permitting him to travel to/from the Cathedral to conduct services which may be viewed live at [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys)

Sunday services will be on air at 10.30am.

This facility is NOW ABLE to record services so there will be an opportunity to view the service afterwards. The Facebook page will not be streaming the service but will provide a link to the Church Services TV website. Please do join us!

**Anxious?** This is an anxious and unsettling time for everybody. If you are concerned about your mental health, may I direct you to the following resource -

<https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

**Help!** Limerick has come together like never before to help those most in need during the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic. As you will be aware, members of sporting clubs, community groups, various agencies and organisations and individuals are volunteering to support the elderly and vulnerable at this time.

To contact the Response team Freephone 1800 832 005 or email [covidsupport@limerick.ie](mailto:covidsupport@limerick.ie)

To register to become a volunteer please email [volunteer@limerick.ie](mailto:volunteer@limerick.ie)

[www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/age-friendly-limerick/limerick-covid-19-community-response](http://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/age-friendly-limerick/limerick-covid-19-community-response)

**Mobile contacts:** As a means of communication (in particular) for those with no internet access, we are looking at ways of communicating via text message. If you would like to subscribe to this facility, please text 'Subscribe' with your full name to 0873524046.

**Finance and giving:** The parish treasurers and envelope recorders have received a number of donations from parishioners which is very much appreciated. Despite the on-going situation, the ministry and mission of the parish continues, and we are grateful to all those who support this. THANK YOU!

If you have any questions with respect to the Christian Stewardship / Free Will Offering 'Envelope' scheme, please contact Lindsay Boyle (087 7867134), Saint Mary's Cathedral or Trevor Lyttle (0879191314), Saint Michael's. For general enquiries about giving please contact the Treasurer of the appropriate church Terry Cusack (Saint Mary's), Daire McNamara (Saint Michael's) or Bertie Swanton (Abington).

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Edna Mc Elveen, Amanda Sophie Armstrong, Muriel Blennerhassett, Thalia White, Frank Mc Glone, Pdraig O'Connor, Yvonne Buchtrup, Ella Buchtrup, Steve Gardner, John Kernan and Art O'Leary.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Connor and Bishop elect George Davison. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) and Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate & Bishop of Hokkaido. *Diocese:* Diocesan members of General Synod. *Note: the May session of General Synod 2020 has been cancelled, but may be rescheduled for later in the year.*

**Prayers for the Sick:** Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially Pamela St George, Andrew Prior, Victor Draper, Baby Kyle, Kate O'Donnell, Canon Marie Rowley-Brooke, Leslie Cowpar, John Copley, Margaret Dann, John Keating, Sabina Moore, Vera Irwin, Laura Curtis, Sarah Gess, William Battle, Mac A, Amy Mulcahy, Rita, Rose McNamara, Doris Moorehead, Margaret Gallogly, Gerard, Lynn Latchford, Rosemary, Sonya Martin, Anne Greenaway, Maureen Botha, Geraldine Mangan, John, Joe O'Dwyer, Jenny, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Ruth Watt, Harold Armstrong, Pauline Parsons, Barbara McCoole, Kayt Ischner-Shier, David McClure, Adrian O'Connell, Lorraine McCarthy, Florrie Gill, Pat Mulcahy, John Nix, Michael Devereux, Archie Brown, Mark Walsh, Terry Cusack, Eamo Lynch, Mary Swanton, Birdie Skehan and Martha Creamer.

*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.

Loving Father, we entrust to you the sick, the quarantined, and their families. Bring them healing in body, mind and spirit. Comfort the bereaved and anxious. Sustain and protect frontline medical staff, carers and essential workers. Further the efforts of those seeking to contain the spread of the virus. Give wisdom to those in authority making decisions in response to the epidemic. And guide us all to protect ourselves and our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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