



Parish Eucharist
for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
with presentation from the Amos Trust

26th April 2026

10:30am

Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe

Singing the song of faith and justice

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist, the centre-point of our community and life together, especially if you are joining us for the first time. We are an inclusive church and celebrate our diversity, welcoming and affirming all who wish to share in the Love of God. If you have children please speak to the duty warden about children's church.

You are welcome here today.

Any instructions given in worship are only invitations.

Please adopt the position you find most helpful or comfortable. Join in with the service as you feel able, speaking where words are in bold. If you prefer to let the liturgy wash over you then that's fine too! Please also be aware that this service is livestreamed. If you would prefer not to appear in the livestream please speak to a welcomer who will assist you to find an appropriate seat.

Giving is a part of Christian worship. At the offertory hymn a collection will take place. There is no compulsion; it is an opportunity to participate in this part of the liturgy, but you may prefer to use the card machines at the back of church or feel unable to contribute at this time. St Mary Redcliffe is a charity and receives no funding from the central church or state so we are hugely grateful to all who contribute to our ministry and work.

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*Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe.
Please take a moment before our
service begins to prepare to meet God.
The celebrant is Canon Stephen Spender.
The mass setting is Mass for Three
Voices by William Byrd (1540-1623).
A voluntary may be played.*

*The service is introduced with an
invitation to pray:*

Sentence

Day by day the Lord added to their
number those who were being saved.

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

All Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome may follow.

All **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.**

Please stand as you are able.

**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle**

**If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.**

*WOLVERCOTE NEH 420
John Ernest Bode 1816-74
William Harold Ferguson 1874-1950*

*The online congregation may light a
candle at home as the altar candles
are lit in church.*

All Jesus said, 'I am the light of
the world.'
**Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness but
will have the light of life.'**

All As his followers, wherever we are,
**we light a light in the name of
Christ who gives us the light of life.**

Children's Church Welcome

*We hear what the children are
doing today, ending in a prayer:*

All **Jesus teach us all we pray
to follow you along the way,
be our guide in all we do,
help us all learn more from you.
Amen.**

*Please be seated as the children
leave.*

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb
has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by
putting away all malice and
evil and confessing our sins
with a sincere and true heart.

All **Almighty God,
our 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.
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.**

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

Please stand to sing the Gloria.

Glory be to God on high,
**and in earth peace,
good will towards men.**
**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away
the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art Holy,
Thou only art the Lord,
Thou only O Christ with
the Holy Ghost art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

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.'

The congregation sing:



The Sermon

The Vicar

Please be seated.

*The sermon is followed by
a period of silence.*

The Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Let us declare our faith in God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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 from the Holy Spirit
and 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.

Presentation by the Amos Trust

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

The response is:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude:

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The congregation stands.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The offering is taken up. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the gift-aid envelope.

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk
through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou has furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

CRIMOND NEH 459

Scottish Psalter 1650, ps. 23

David Grant 1833-93

Descant William Baird Ross 1871-1950

The gifts are blessed:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the
splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and
on earth is yours.

All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer



Please kneel or be seated.

It is indeed right, our duty and
our joy, always and
everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,

and in these days of Easter to
celebrate with joyful hearts the
memory of your wonderful
works, for by the mystery of
his passion Jesus Christ, your
risen Son, has conquered the
powers of death and hell and
restored in men and women
the image of your glory. He has
placed them once more in
paradise and opened to them
the gate of life eternal. And so,
in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with
gladness, while angels and
archangels and the powers of
all creation sing for ever the
hymn of your glory:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.*

Accept our praises, heavenly
Father, through your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ and, as we
follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the
power of your Holy Spirit these
gifts of bread and wine may be
to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he
was betrayed, took bread and
gave you thanks. 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 gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. 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, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, we look for the coming of your kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you,

Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is held.

Let us pray with confidence as our saviour taught us:

All

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 Fraction

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Alleluya! Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

All **Alleluya! Let us keep the feast.**

*The people receive communion.
All those baptised as members of
their own church are invited to
receive communion or a blessing.
If you would prefer to receive a
blessing please bring this order of
service with you. Please ask if you
would like a gluten free wafer. Please
follow the direction of stewards.*

Anthem

*Exultate Justi by Lodovico Grossi
da Viadana (1560-1627)*

Communion Hymn

Please remain seated.

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to His presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Lord Most High!**

PICARDY NEH 295

Σιγησατω τασα σαρξ βροτεια
Greek, Cherubic Hymn from Liturgy of St James
versified by Gerard Moultrie 1829-85
after Thomas Rattray 1684-1743
French Melody 17th C. collected Jean-Baptiste
Wekerlin 1821-1910, Chansons Populaires, 1848,
Harmony The English Hymnal, 1906

Prayers after 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.
All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with 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 notices are given.

Banns of Marriage are read.

Children's Church present their work.

Please stand for our closing hymn.

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

ST PETER NEH 374

John Newton 1725-1807

Alexander Robert Reinagle 1799-1877

Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluya, Alleluya.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluya, Alleluya.

Voluntary

Festal Toccata –

Arthur Baynon (1889-1954)

Please join us for coffee at the West End.

