



Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 May 2022

WELCOME TO BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

Whether this is your first time visiting the Cathedral, or whether you are a regular worshipper here, you are most welcome.

We are continuing to ask our congregations to remain masked in the Cathedral where possible. If you would prefer to remain **spatially distanced**, there is seating in the **North Transept**, a steward or welcomer can help you find this area if you are unsure where to go.

If you are new to the Cathedral, please do say hello over a cup of coffee after the service. If you are here with young children you might be interested in finding out more about our Children's Church, *BriCKs* (Bristol Cathedral Kids) which runs during term-time. Speak to a steward to find out more.

The 10.00am Eucharist service can be followed in the **main cream booklet**.

This week's services can be found on the Services + Music List on our website

TODAY'S SERVICE INFORMATION

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: Canon Jonnie Parkin

10.00am **CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST**

Preacher: Canon Dr Sanjee Perera

Setting: Little Organ Mass – *Haydn*

Hymns: 334; 282; 114

3.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Preacher: The Revd Nic Harris

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Canticles: Second Service – *Gibbons*

Anthem: Easter (Rise Heart) – *Vaughan Williams*

Hymns: 105; 248

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.**

1st READING

Acts 9.36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took

him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2nd READING

Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the

sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (rpt all)

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, I was dead, and behold, I live. I am alive for evermore, alleluia.'

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10.22-30

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

COMMUNION MOTET

This joyful Eastertide – Dutch arr. Wood

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

If it is your custom to receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive the sacrament at this celebration, whatever your denomination. Gluten free wafers are available: please speak to the Eucharistic minister when you come up for Communion. We receive in one kind.

Others may wish to receive a blessing, and you should bring this booklet in your hands to indicate this. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

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.**

For details of daily services please visit bristol-cathedral.co.uk

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Preacher: The Revd Dr Minty Hull
Readings: Acts 11.1-18; Revelation 21.1-6;
John 13.31-35

| FOR YOUR PRAYERS | | |
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| Please pray for | Amy, Andy, Benedicta, Bunny, Fran, Hilary, John, Roger W, Ros, Sally, Sue, Lorraine | |
| RIP | Nigel Nash (Former Verger) | |
| Year's Mind | Howard Millard (8 th), Margaret Hancock (9 th), Joan Gough (14 th) | |
| CYCLES OF PRAYER | DIOCESAN | ANGLICAN |
| Sunday | Westbury-on-Trym | Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda |
| Monday | Brinkworth | Lexington (US) |
| Tuesday | Dauntsey | Liberia (West Africa) |
| Wednesday | Garsdon | Lichfield |
| Thursday | Great Somerford | Limerick & Killaloe (Ireland) |
| Friday | Lea and Cleverton | Lincoln |
| Saturday | Little Somerford | Litoral Ecuador |
| Porvoo | The Diocese of Gloucester; and the Diocese of Västerås in the Church of Sweden | |

TODAY

VISITING PREACHER This morning our preacher is Canon Dr Sanjee Perera, the Archbishops' Advisor on Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns. She is a Cognitive Ecclesialogist specialising in Ethno-centric identity in Anglican ecclesiology and has been an active member of the Anglican church for over twenty years. Among other distinguished academic roles, Sanjee is an Associate Fellow at the Open University School of Law; Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of Theology at the University of Durham; and Research Fellow at William Temple Foundation. She describes herself as an avid gardener, choral singer, and a church crawler with a passion for stained glass so we are delighted to welcome her to Bristol Cathedral.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP The Social Justice Group meets today in the cafe at 11.30; our speaker will be Laura Chester from Bristol Hospitality Network. BHN is part of a network of organisations working with refugees and people seeking asylum in Bristol. 'We work with Iraqi Kurds, Afghans and Syrians, and are also currently hosting people from Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.' Laura will not be talking about Ukrainian refugees, who are here through completely different schemes, but if there's time there will be an update on our work as a Welcome Hub.

PLANNED GIVING For those in the planned giving scheme, envelopes are now available to collect from the cubby hole. If you would like to join the scheme, please email Chrissie Graham: chrissie.graham@bristol-cathedral.co.uk.

BEYOND

REFUGEE WELCOME HUB We had our 'soft launch' on Tuesday 2nd May and welcomed 3 guests. We were delighted to meet them and to learn about them. We hope to welcome them and others again on Tuesday 10th May from 11.30-13.30. E-mail socialjustice@bristol-cathedral.co.uk to find out more, to pray and to volunteer. Many thanks to those who helped last week.

CHORISTERS QUIZ NIGHT On Friday 13 May, at 7.00pm, in the Chapter House, the chorister parents are hosting a quiz night to raise funds for the Choir Tour to Portugal this summer. £15 entry per team (up to 5 people), adults only. There will be a cash bar and a prize for the winners. There are spaces still available for teams: contact Mark (07803 120534), one of the chorister parents, to book your place.

CATHEDRALS AT NIGHT On Saturday 14 May from 6.00pm explore Bristol Cathedral in the summer dusk and witness the astonishing architecture in a candlelit glow. The perfect opportunity for photographers, amateur and professional, to try out their skills and capture the magical atmosphere. Enjoy drinks handcrafted by Espensen Spirit and hot food from a local vendor whilst you take in the beauty of Bristol Cathedral.

MAY COMMUNITY LUNCH The next community lunch will be held on Sunday 22 May at 12.00noon in the Cathedral cafe. Requested minimum donation on the day of £7.00 per adult, £10.00 for one adult and one child (aged 12 or under) or £20.00 for a family. Please use the sign up sheet available during coffee after the 10.00am Sunday Eucharist.

GIN TASTING On Saturday 28 May at 1.00pm, an exclusive opportunity to taste a select menu of drinks served by local spirit connoisseurs Espensen Spirit, including our very own Bristol Cathedral house gin Chapterhouse. This will be followed by a tour exploring the history, architecture, and heritage of Bristol Cathedral – led by our knowledgeable in-house guides. Limited availability for tickets at £35 available here: <https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/whats-on/gin-tasting>.

THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH Join us and partners on Sunday 5 June for a huge celebration of the HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, on College Green. This full day free event has live music, food, and family games and activities. To find out more visit <https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/whats-on/jubilee>.