

## Sunday, 11 May 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is the fourth Sunday of the season of Easter. The season of Easter lasts seven weeks from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday on June 8.

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### **Prelude**

Composer and organist Harold Darke (1888-1976) was born in London and died in Cambridge. One of his best-known compositions is a choral setting of Christina Rossetti's *In the Bleak Midwinter*. The hymn tune BROTHER JAMES' AIR was composed by Scottish composer James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840-1925) in 1915. It is most often sung to a paraphrase of Psalm 23 from the *Edinburgh Psalter*, 1650.

### **Processional Hymn**

The text of *The God of Abraham Praise* is based on the 13 principles of faith formulated by Moses Maimonides (1138-1204). The hymn tune LEONI is a traditional Yigdal melody, a Jewish hymn. Literally translated, Yigdal means *to be exalted*.

### **Offertory**

Moses George Hogan (1957-2003) was born in New Orleans and studied at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Juilliard School of Music. His arrangements, over seventy in number, of spirituals are performed regularly by choirs around the world. Hogan's arrangement of the spiritual *Ain't That Good News* was published in 1997.

### **Postlude**

Craig Seller Lang (1891-1971) was born in New Zealand and made his career in England as an organist, teacher, and composer.