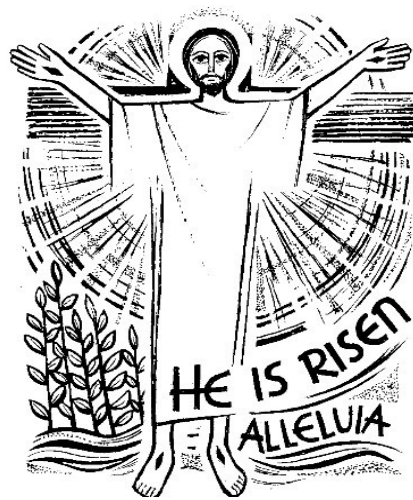


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SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022

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EASTER DAY

'This is to us a Feast of feasts, and a Solemnity of solemnities ... today we are celebrating the Resurrection itself, no longer an object of expectation, but as having come to pass, and gathering the whole world to itself.'

St Gregory Nazianzen (329-390)

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

Today, Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and the victory of love over hate, life over death, goodness over evil. We have gone from the barrenness of Ash Wednesday, when we remembered our sinfulness and mortality, through the rigours and discipline of Lent, to the Hosannas of Palm Sunday and the agony of betrayal in the garden, the death on the Cross and the grief of the tomb.

The journey will have been different for each one of us.

From today until Pentecost, the Easter Candle stands near the front of the Church and is lit. It stands among us as a symbol of Christ's risen presence with his people.

The 'alleluia' which was silenced throughout Lent, returns today with shouts of joyous praise.

In the early centuries of Christianity, Christian initiation only took place at Easter. This was to emphasise that it is through Baptism that we share new life with Christ.

Today is a day for all of us to renew baptismal vows and to give thanks that we share in Christ's risen life. In this Eucharist we are sacramentally reunited with our risen Lord and we rejoice in the hope and peace that he brought not only to his disciples that first Easter morning, but to us, his disciples today.



Please Stand and turn to face the back of the Church. The priest says

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
**to him be glory and power,
through every ages and for ever. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever.

The Easter Candle is lit

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Candle is raised high

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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

The Easter Candle is placed in its stand during the Hymn:

Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day. Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

*Surrexit Hodie 14th Century & Complete Psalmist, J. Arnold 1749
Melody from 'Lyra Davidica' 1708, Harm. William Henry Monk*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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 FOR EASTER DAY *(Please remain Standing)*

Let us pray:

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.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
 Now is the triumph of our King.
 To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
 bring flowers of song to strew his way;
 let all the earth rejoice and say:

Praise we in songs of victory
 that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
 and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
 and sing today with one accord
 the life laid down, the life restored:

Cyril Argentine Alington 1872-1955
Tune: Vulpinus (Gelobt Sei Gott)

LUKE 24. 1-12

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Very Rev'd Nigel Williams, Dean *(Please Sit)*

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES *(Please Stand)*

The Celebrant goes to the Font and invites the people to renew their baptismal promises

Dear friends, Christ is risen and we rose with him on the day we were baptized. Since then, we are called to a new risen life until the day the Lord will raise us up to enter with him into the Father's joy. May the Lord pour the flood of his love on you and may the Holy Spirit gladden your hearts.

The Celebrant blesses the water in the Font

We give thanks to you, O God:
we bless your holy name.

For you gift of water to nourish and sustain all life,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through the waters of the sea
you led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom:
we give you thanks and praise.

At his baptism, your Son Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit:
we give you thanks and praise.

Through the power of that same Spirit, sanctify this water
that your children who are washed in it
may be united with Christ in his death and resurrection.
Cleanse and deliver them from all sin;
bring them to new birth in the family of your Church
and make them inheritors of your kingdom:
through Jesus Christ our Lord
whom, by the power of the Spirit,
you raised to live with you
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

So let us renew the promises made at our Baptism affirming our allegiance to Christ and
our rejection of all that is evil.

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil

Let us now proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised and in which we live
and grow:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Everyone is then sprinkled with baptismal water as a token of God's renewing grace.

THE INTERCESSION *(Please Sit)*

At the end of the intercessions

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

THE PEACE *(Please Stand)*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you!
They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.
And also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

HYMN

Jesus, Prince and Saviour,
Lord of life who died;
Christ, the friend of sinners,
mocked and crucified;
for a world's salvation,
he his body gave,
lay at last death's victim,
lifeless in the grave.

*Lord of life triumphant,
risen now to reign!
King of endless ages,
Jesus lives again!*

In his pow'r and Godhead
ev'ry vict'ry won;
pain and passion ended,
all his purpose done.
Christ the Lord is risen!
sighs and sorrow past,
death's dark night is over,
morning comes at last.

Resurrection morning!
sinners' bondage freed;
Christ the Lord is risen —
he ris'n indeed!
Jesus, Prince and Saviour,
Lord of life who died,
Christ the King of Glory
now is glorified.

*Timothy Dudley Smith b.1926
Tune: St Gertrude*

THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (3)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his resurrection he has restored to us eternal life.

Therefore 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.**

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for 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 from 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup, your gifts to us,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we say:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

The priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All those who are baptised and would normally receive holy communion in any Christian Church are welcome to receive today. Baptised children are welcome receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents. If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priests. The Chalice is available today for the first time since before the Pandemic. This is permissive, not obligatory. Please don't feel any obligation to receive the chalice if you feel uncomfortable about it.

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen:

We have been crucified with Christ:
now we shall live for ever:

God has proclaimed the just reward:
life for the world, alleluia:

*Donald Fishel b.1950
Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

After Communion a period of Silence is kept

THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Living God,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with the him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

FINAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Text: Edmond Budry (1854-1932) translated Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music: George F. Handel (1685-1759)