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## Easter Day

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 10.15a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for Easter Day

Today's setting for mass is Lourdes and Darke in F

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own church  
are welcome to come and receive communion. If you wish to receive a  
blessing, please come to the altar carrying this order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the service if  
you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins, a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet  
reflection is kept during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**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**

*Before the liturgy begins notices are given, and then a bell is rung to begin our worship.*

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# The Service of Light

*The Altar party move to the west end of the church in silence with the unlit Easter Candle and the congregation turn to face them.*

*The President says*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Easter candle is marked here.*

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 age and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The incense studs in the Easter Candle are marked with the sign of the cross*

By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

**Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is lit, and then the following is said*

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

*The Candle process back into church  
once inside they pause and the following is said*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The procession of the Easter Candle moves further into the building and then stops.  
The response is repeated, and the flame from the Easter Candle is shared with the congregation.*

*The procession continues and stops once more, where the response is said for the final time.  
The Easter Candles is then placed in its stands in the sanctuary.*

## The Exsultet

*Once all congregations candles are lit, we remain standing as*

*The Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) is sung*

*The following responses are used in the middle of the chant:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Fanfare to greet the resurrection

*A joyful fanfare is played and the church is illuminated, and the rest of the candles are lit.*

## The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

# Gloria in Excelsis

*The congregations candles are extinguished, and The Gloria in Excelsis is sung*

**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

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory. .

*Silence is kept*

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.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Acts 10.34-43

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.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia**

# Gospel Reading

Mark 16.1-8

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

# Renewal of Baptism Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask you these questions:

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**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

**Almighty God,**

**we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.**

**Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day**

**when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*The president will now sprinkle water on the congregation  
as an outward sign of the renewed promises.*

*You may like to make the sign of the cross as the water is sprinkled.*



## Affirmation of Commitment

As we celebrate our risen Christ, and all that he teaches us, I now invite you to recommit yourselves to following His teaching and example to us:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
✠ that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Prayers of Intercession

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

*After each prayer:*            Lord, in your mercy  
  **hear our prayer.**

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Paula; Catriona; Lynn; Beryl; Marion; Richard; Brenda; Victoria; Joe & Mark;  
Rose & Colin; Janis Gallagher; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Cath  
Godridge; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; David Murray; Andrew Leach; Janet  
Hickling; Jenny Attwood (Priest); Margaret Kidger; Christine Campbell;  
Margaret Tonks; Flora Brook.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Owen Murray; Kathleen Battye; Catherine McArdle; Tyler Wilson;  
Tim Burrell (Priest).

*Those whose year's mind falls at this time*

June Coad; Dorothy Goddard; John Edward Milnes; Ruby Alexandra Rogers;  
Marion Cook

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15.20

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*St Giles' 3.16 share what they have been learning.*

## Preparation of the Altar

### Offertory Hymn (124)

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion burst His chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with Him, from death's domains  
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where He has gone before.**

**Triumphant in His glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all;  
earth, heaven and hell before Him bow  
and at His footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus His praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
into His palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost to Thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.**

Fulbert of Chartres, (ca. 960-1028);  
trans. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please be seated.*

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 thanks and praise.**

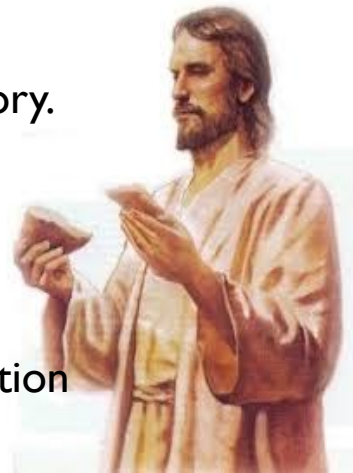
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this day of our redemption  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

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.

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:

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

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in our Saviour's resurrection,  
let us pray with confidence as he taught us

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

## Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

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

## Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

## Organ Voluntary

### Hymn (123)

**Walking in a garden at the close of day,  
Adam tried to hide him when he heard God say:  
'Why are you so frightened, why are you afraid?  
You have brought the winter in, made the flowers fade.'**

**Walking in a garden where the Lord had gone,  
Three of the disciples, Peter, James, and John;  
They were very weary, could not keep awake,  
While the Lord was kneeling there, praying for their sake.**

**Walking in a garden at the break of day,  
Mary asked the gardener where the body lay;  
But he turned towards her, smiled at her and said:  
'Mary, spring is here to stay, only death is dead.'**

Hilary Greenwood (1929 - 2003)

## Choir Anthem

*Anthem - The strife is o'er - Henry Ley (1887-1962)*



# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

God of Life,  
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 so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.**

**Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

# The Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Hymn (120)

*The candles of the congregation are re-lit.*

**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....**

**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....**

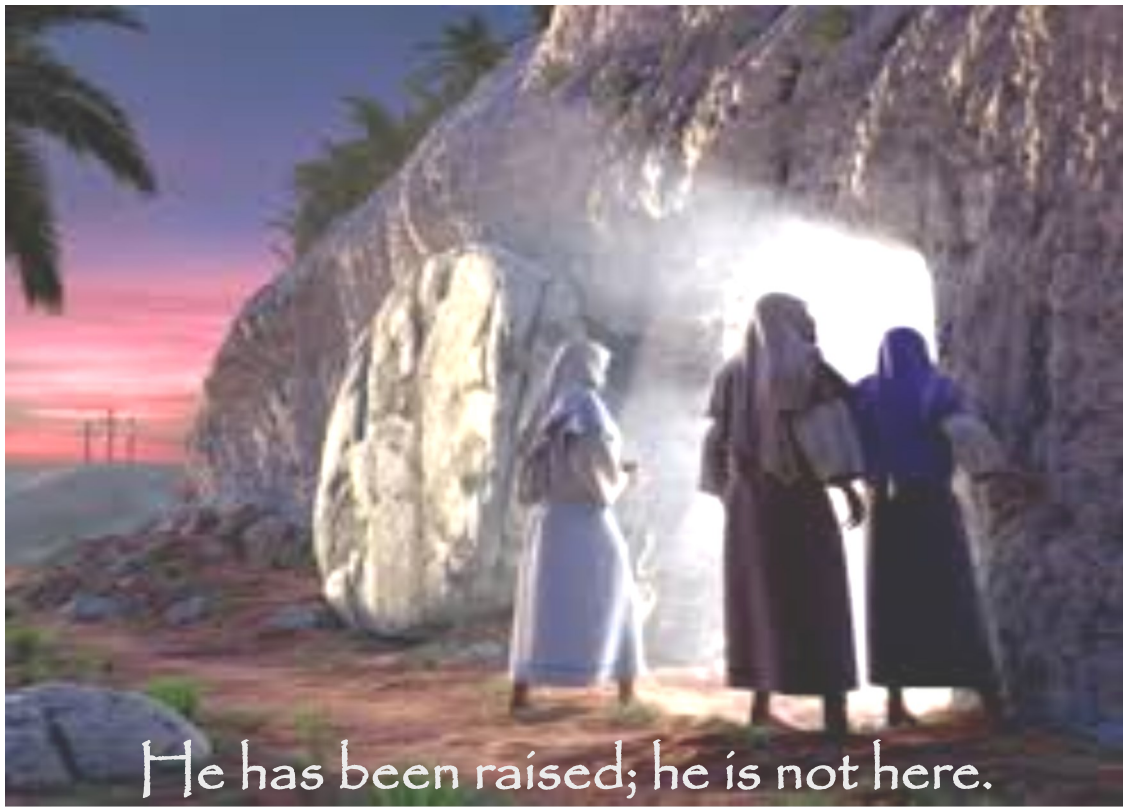
French, Edmond Budry, 1854-1932, Tr. Richard Hoyle 1875-1939

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The clergy and people depart.  
please extinguish your candles.*

## Organ Voluntary



He has been raised; he is not here.

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