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'Do not  
doubt  
but  
believe.'

The Second Sunday of Easter

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for The Second Sunday of Easter  
Today's setting for mass is

Addington Service - Richard Shepherd (1949-2021)

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 Gathering

Introit Hymn (103)

**Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
He who on the Cross a Victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the First-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at His second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before Him wave,  
ripened by His glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of Thy face;  
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever safe with Thee.**

**Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Glory be to God on high;  
to the Father and the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
to the Triune Majesty. Amen.**



Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

## Invitation to confession

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

## Prayer of Penitence

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

May the Father of all mercies  
✠ cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



# 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 the Second Sunday of Easter

*Silence is kept*

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading                      Acts 4.32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

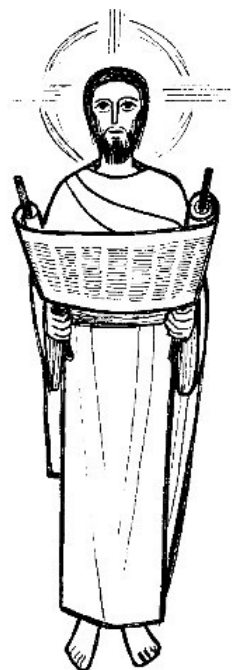
Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Jesus the  
Messiah:  
prophecy  
fulfilled



# Gospel Reading

John 20.19-31

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

# The Creed

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

**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.**



# 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:*

Pam; 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.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Owen Murray; Kathleen Battye; Catherine McArdle; Tyler Wilson; Tim Burrell (Priest); Peter Birdsall; Liz Sledmore.

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

Mabel Hemingway; Alan Netherwood; Ronald Godfrey Hodson; Hilda Winifred Mercer; Frank Whitney; George Campling.

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

## The Peace

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

John 20.19, 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.*

## Preparation of the Altar

### Offertory Hymn (104)

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from His piercèd side;  
praise we Him, whose love divine  
gives the guests His blood for wine,  
gives His body for the feast,  
love the Victim, love the Priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Christ, the Lamb, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty Victim from on high,  
powers of hell beneath Thee lie;  
death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light:  
now Thy banner Thou dost wave,  
conquering Satan and the grave;  
see the prince of darkness quelled;  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

**Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
only sin can this destroy;  
from sin's death do Thou set free  
souls reborn, dear Lord, in Thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
father, unto Thee we raise;  
risen Lord, all praise to Thee,  
ever with the Spirit be.**

Latin, 1632;  
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

*Please sit or kneel.*

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting 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 singing:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, Giles, Michael, Stephen and all your saints  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy  
we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

So we may come in confidence to pray as our Saviour 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

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us your 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 (111)

**Jesus Christ is risen:  
The feast, good Christians, therefore keep;  
The Lamb has bled to save the sheep  
Christ innocent, our ransom paid,  
Mankind and God at one hath made:  
Alleluya, Alleluya.**

**Jesus Christ is risen:  
Speak, Mary Magdalen, and say  
What sawest thou upon the way?  
'I saw the grave, and there adored  
The glory of the risen Lord':  
Alleluya, Alleluya.**

**Jesus Christ is risen:  
'Within the grave on either hand  
I saw a white-robed angel stand;  
My Saviour Christ, my hope, my stay,  
Hath risen from the tomb today':  
Alleluya, Alleluya.**

**Jesus Christ is risen:  
We know for certain, truth to tell,  
That Christ arose from death and hell;  
And while thy Paschal song we sing,  
Have pity on us, Victor-king:  
Alleluya, Alleluya.**

G.R.Woodward (1848-1934)  
Based on Victimae Paschali

## Choir Anthem

*O Lord, increase my faith - Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**



**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 Blessing and Dismissal

*We stand for the blessing.*

The Lord be with you  
**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 ...  
**Amen.**

## Hymn (114)

**Now is eternal life,  
if risen with Christ we stand,  
in Him to life reborn,  
and holden in His hand;  
no more we fear death's ancient dread,  
in Christ arisen from the dead.**

**For God, the living God,  
stooped down to man's estate;  
by death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate.  
He lives, who died; He reigns on high;  
who lives in Him shall never die.**

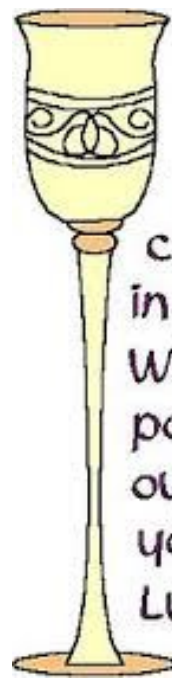
**Unfathomed Love divine,  
reign Thou within my heart;  
from Thee nor depth nor height,  
nor life nor death can part.  
Our life is hid with God in Thee,  
now and through all eternity.**

G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)

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

*The clergy and people depart.*

## Organ Voluntary



This cup  
is the new  
covenant  
in my blood.  
Which is  
poured  
out for  
you.  
Luke 22:20

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