PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 18th April

Easter 3



Welcome in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We continue to celebrate the resurrection, and rejoice that Christ calls us as his own people. Today we will consider what it means to be called: "Children of God" (1 John 3:1).

This service is being live-streamed. You may wish to light a <u>candle</u>, and if you would like to share in Communion, prepare a table with bread and wine.

The service order has <u>links to the songs</u>.

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD,

the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned: How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace - No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans (b. 1957)

Preparation

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.

Prayers 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 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.

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, 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 Today

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ 'Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

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.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus appears to the disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe.

Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

Any suitable form may be used. This response may be used: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace.

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

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

Song: Remember Me https://youtu.be/4CCXo8vIiQw

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH OUR SAVIOUR WAS BETRAY'D,

He broke the bread and to His friends, He said: "Take and eat, this is my body giv'n for you; take and drink, this blood of mine is shed for you. Do this always to remember me, Remember me"

In the night in which our Saviour was denied, He bowed His head, and to the Father cried: "If it be your will, let this cup pass from me; If it be your will, spare me this agony. In my darkest hour will you remember me? Remember me."

In the night in which my deepest doubt are known, You come to me and I am not alone. When I taste Your blood and body giv'n for me, When I hear Your prayer in dark Gethsemane, Then I know You will remember me, Remember me.

O Lord, remember me. Remember me.

Deborah Grovenor

The table is prepared.

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest. Make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer D)

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards the world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

The crowds came out to see your Son yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: this is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever

and ever. Amen.

Let us pray

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Invitation

Christ welcomes you to his table. Draw near with faith.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Grant us peace.

The Holy Communion is distributed.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen** The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Time of Quiet

Prayers after Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Prayer of God's Blessing

May 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 of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U1MuOCHon4

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

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation.

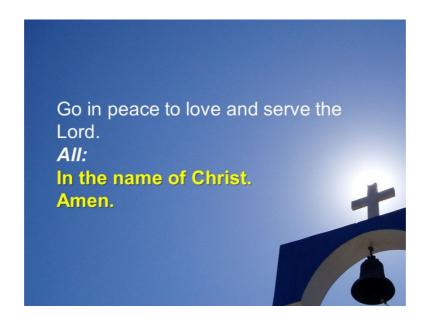
Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ, Now we shall live forever.

Come let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Donald Fishel

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



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