



Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of Easter

12th April 2026

Today we continue to celebrate the resurrection
and encounter Jesus in our midst,
as did the first disciples.

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Organ music before the service: An Easter Alleluya -Slater

We gather in worship

Before we begin, the priest will welcome everyone and invite us to join in prayer as we prepare ourselves for worship.

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.

After this, please remain quiet until the bell rings and we stand to sing;

1.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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.

2.
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.

3.
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, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1872-1885)

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

The deacon invites us to confess:

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest declares the forgiveness of our sin, then we sing,

♪ **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!**

**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. *Glory to God...***

**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. . *Glory to God...***

**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.
*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!***

The priest invites us to pray.

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.**

We listen for God's Word

Reading: Acts 2.14a,22-32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "*I saw the Lord always before me,*

*for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.*

*For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.*

*You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."*

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-end

We stand, facing the gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

♪ **Alleluia, 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, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on 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.**

*We sit for the **Sermon.***

The Creed

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.

The Prayers of Intercession

The response in the prayers is
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

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.

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

The deacon says,
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile,
nod, or bow, and the words, 'Peace be with you.'*

The Offering

We stand to sing as a collection is taken.

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light my strength my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the arms of love were opened wide
for every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend (b.1963) and
Keith Getty (b. 1974)*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

The Lord is here, **God's 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.

The priest praises God and we sing,

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper, then the deacon says,

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The priest continues ending with

*...forever and ever. ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.***

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught, 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world: have mercy on us. (×2)**
**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

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

We share in Communion

The people receive communion or a blessing. Gluten free is available.

**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the resurrection thou!**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.

We go into the world to share God's love

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 world rejoice and say *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Praise we in songs of victory

that Love, that Life which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,

and sing today with one accord

the life laid down, the Life restored: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)

The Blessing

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

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.

The deacon says,

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary: Prelude from Te Deum - Charpentier