



20 April 2025

Organ: Saraband for the Morning of Easter - Howells

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. After praying, please remain quiet until the bell rings and we stand to sing:

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.

**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 pains that he endured Alleluia!
our salvation hath procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

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!

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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 in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.
Glory to God, Glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
Glory to God, Glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you, **Glory in the highest.**
Give you thanks, **Glory in the highest.**
Praise you for your glory,
Glory to God, Glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

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; **have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Glory to God, Glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

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 glory of God, the Father.

Glory to God, Glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

Amen.

The priest invites us to 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.**

We listen for God's Word

Reading Acts: 10.34-43

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.

The cantor leads Psalm 118 and we join in the refrain.



This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.

♪ **This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

♪ **This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

"The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord."

♪ **This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

♪ **This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.1-12

We stand, facing the gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Now he is living, the Christ.
Out of the tomb he is risen;
he has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

♪ **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.

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.

*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.

The Offering

We stand to sing as a collection is taken.

***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:
*Alleluia, alleluia...***

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

**We have been crucified with Christ:
now we shall live for ever:
*Alleluia, alleluia...***

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

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:
*Alleluia, alleluia...***

Donald Fishel (b. 1971)

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.***

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.**

**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.**

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.*

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

*John of Damascus (c.750)
Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)*

*The choir sings the anthem,
The heavens are telling, by Haydn*

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.**

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

**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 victory,
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...***

The Blessing

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

The priest blesses us.

The deacon says,
Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ voluntary:
Toccata from Symphony V - Widor

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