

# Easter Day Eucharist

He is risen! Alleluia!

4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**HYMN: Jesus Christ is risen today!**

*All stand as the ministers process in.*

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 have procured; *Alleluia.*  
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia.*  
where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia.*

*Surrexit Christus hodie Anonymous Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708), Compleat Psalmodist (1749 Arnold), Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*The minister stands by the lit Easter Candle.*

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**

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

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

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ call us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GLORIA** is sung.

**THE COLLECT**

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

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.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 10:34-43**

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>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 READING: Mark 16:1-8**

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. *Revelation 1:17,18*

Alleluia.

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

16When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But 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. 7But 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.' 8So 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 PROMISES**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through this Easter 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:

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.**

*Water is poured into the font as a reminder of our Baptismal promises.*

God our Father,  
Your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;  
In baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins  
and the gift of eternal life.  
Sanctify this water we pray.  
Renew the living spring of your life within us,  
That we may be free from sin  
And filled with your saving health;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us reaffirm together the faith into which we were baptized.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the One for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God,  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*We are sprinkled with water to remind us of our Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.*

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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response:*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

#### **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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### **HYMN: Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise**

*Sung by St James Church Choir*

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.

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

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 (1807-1885)*

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and we respond:*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues. At the end we respond:*

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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 forever.**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Lord our hearts hunger for you;**

**Give us this bread always.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*You are invited to use the prayer for Spiritual Communion below asking Jesus to be with you now.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.

*An anthem is sung during communion.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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 daily with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the death,  
Open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**  
God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
Give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**  
God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **HYMN: Thine be the glory**

*Sung by two members of St James Choir*

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.  
*Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought 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.

*Refrain*

*Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)*

*Happy Easter!*