



Choral Festival Eucharist

Easter Day
5th April 2026
9.30am

Alleluia
Christ is
risen

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Welcome to our Easter Day Service.

In Saxon times, the period from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday was known as 'the still days'. Since then, bells and organ are traditionally not used, but that fast is broken on Easter Sunday morning where both proclaim the joy of Christ's – and our own – resurrection. Today we will mark that by creating a cacophony of jubilant sound with the hand bells and other noise-making instruments that are given out before the service. It is a moment to forget our essential English reserve and let go!

Everyone is invited to come to the altar to receive communion or God's blessing. All are welcome, so please do come forward. Please bow your head to indicate if you would like a blessing.

During communion, the Choir sings on behalf of the congregation; this allows us the opportunity to think more deeply about our relationship with God in our lives, through meditating on the words and music chosen for the day.

After the service, there is an Easter Egg hunt around the inside of the church! Tea and coffee will be served at the East End, so please feel very welcome to stay and enjoy, and, if you have not been to the church before, please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or churchwardens – we would love to meet you.

A very Happy Easter to everyone.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN: HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Please keep your belongings with you at all times.

Introit

At the beginning of the service, stand as the Choir sings the Introit.

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

*Words: George Woodward (1848–1934).
Melody: David's Psalmen (Amsterdam),
harmonised by Charles Wood (1866–1926).*

The Easter Proclamation

Remain standing and face the Paschal candle when it is brought into the Church.

In solemn procession it will be carried up the nave, stopping three times for this simple proclamation to be sung:

The light of Christ.

To which the congregation responds, singing:

Thanks be to God.



These are the same three positions from which the Cross was proclaimed on Good Friday. The final proclamation is made from the foot of the altar, after which the Priest will say:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All respond with one great voice:

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Together, with gusto, we proclaim the resurrection with bells and other noise-making instruments.

Hymn

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!

Words: Lyra Davidica (1708).

Tune: 'Easter Hymn', adapted from a melody in Lyra Davidica.

Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

All 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

The Priest invites everyone to recall their shortcomings.

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.

After a few moments we say together the prayer of confession.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have
mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and
keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Choir sings the Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*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.*

Missa Festiva, by Flors Peeters (1903–1986).

The Collect

We say together the special prayer for the day.

**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.**

Sit for the reading.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

(Acts 10: 34-43)

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

Hymn

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
 Over all the world is given;
 May we go where he is gone,
 Rest and reign with him in heaven.
 Alleluya!

*Words: Christian Gellert (1715–1769),
 trans. Frances Cox (1812–1897).
 Tune: 'St Albinus', by H J Gauntlett (1805–1876).*

Gospel Reading

Cantor



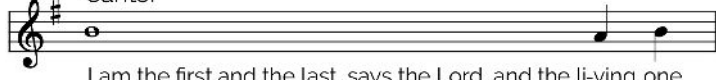
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All

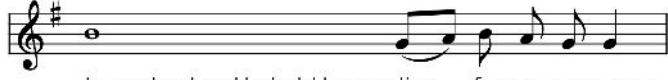


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Cantor



I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the li-ving one



I was dead and behold I am a -live for e - ver - more

All



Al-le-lu-ia Al - le lu-ia Al-le - lu - ia

Cantor



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All



Glory to you, O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my

Father and your Father, to my God and your God! " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

(John 20: 1-18)

At the end of the reading:

Cantor
This is the Gospel of the Lord

ALL
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

*The preacher this morning is the Revd Joe Moffatt,
Vicar of All Saints.*

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Stand for the renewal of Baptismal Vows.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal 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 these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?
All I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?
All I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?
All I renounce evil.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?
All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind?
All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?
All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in 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.

All Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sit for the intercessions.

The following response is used:

We pray to the Lord.
All Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Stand for the sharing of 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.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
All and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

A collection is taken for the work of the church and is brought to the altar, together with the communion bread and wine.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya, Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: G H Bourne (1840–1925).

Tune: 'St Helen', by George Martin (1844–1916).

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

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and All, with the lyrics "The Lord is here. His spi-rit is with us." The second staff is for the Celebrant and All, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord". The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God". The fourth staff is for All, with the lyrics "It is right to give thanks and praise".

Celebrant All
The Lord is here. His spi-rit is with us.

Celebrant All
Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All
It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this night of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis!

*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.*

Missa Festiva, by Flors Peeters (1903–1986).

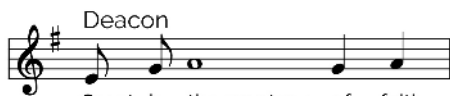
Sit.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.



Great is the mystery of faith



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come a - gain.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

All **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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

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

Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive the bread of communion or a blessing. The sidespeople will direct you.

The Choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*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.*

Missa Festiva, by Flors Peeters (1903–1986).

While the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion, the Choir will sing.

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Words: Song of Solomon 2 vv.10–13.

Music: Patrick Hadley (1899–1973).

Surrexit a mortuis,
Christus Dei Filius,
Pastor bonus,
Pastor qui animam
Pro grege suo posuit.
Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.
Surrexit a mortuis.
Alleluia.

*He rose from the dead,
Christ, the Son of God,
the good shepherd,
the shepherd who for his flock
laid down his life.
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
He rose from the dead.
Alleluia.*

*Words: an Easter Hymn (anon).
Music: Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937).*

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

All Amen.

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

Hymn

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 has lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

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:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*French words: Edmund Budry (1854–1932),
translated by Richard Hoyle (1875–1939).
Tune: 'Maccabæus', by G F Handel (1685–1759).*

Blessing

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.

All Amen.

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ music at the end of the service

Improvisation sur le Te Deum –
Charles Tournemire (1870–1939)



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