



Christ Church St Lucia



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*He is Risen*



*Easter*  
Day

*March 31, 2024*

**Dawn Service**  
*Lighting of the New Fire, Choral Eucharist  
& Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

6am

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

*In darkness, the new fire is kindled, and blessed:*

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is marked with the traditional markings – the Cross, the Alpha and Omega, and the year.*

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.**

*The nails are inserted.*

By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

*The Easter Candle is lit from the new fire.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Paschal candle is carried into the Church, and the people follow.*



**Lesson 2:**    *Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21*

*Psalm Prayer: (say together)*

**God of steadfast love,  
by the power of your mighty arm  
you once delivered your chosen people  
through the waters of the Red Sea,  
and gave us a sign of our salvation  
through the waters of baptism.  
Grant that all the peoples of the earth  
may rejoice with Miriam and Moses in your saving work;  
through, Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Lesson 3:**    *Ezekiel 37.1-14*

*Psalm Prayer: (say together)*

**Living God,  
by the Passover of your Son  
you have brought us out of sin into righteousness,  
and out of death into life.  
Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit  
the will and power to proclaim you to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Candles are put out and the lights are turned on during the ringing of bells and fanfare.*

## The GLORIA

*sung by the choir*

Music: Darke in F (BCP)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace,  
good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect for Easter

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.

Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

## New Testament Reading

*Romans 6. 3-11*

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

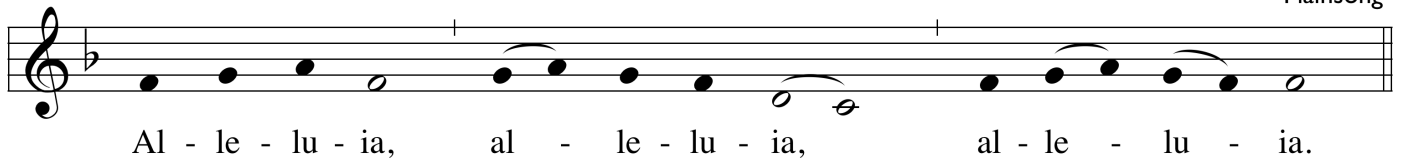
Tune: SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

- 1 The night is past, our light has come:  
the Lord his victory has won!  
All we who sense his presence now,  
in spirit and in truth must bow.**
- 2 When soldiers bowed, but raged instead,  
their crown of thorns then pierced Christ's head.  
That crown, though once a mockery,  
now hails our Lord's great victory.**
- 3 Come Christians sing, with heart and voice,  
and in the Prince of Peace rejoice!  
Commit ourselves afresh today  
to walk with him along our way.**
- 4 All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise eternal Son, to thee,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
For ever and for evermore.**

John S. Mainstone  
*(An Easter Gradual for Christ Church, March 2006)*

## The Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Choir: *Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us,  
let us celebrate the feast.*

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

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 28.1-10*

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

*Organ Acclamation: Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625 - J.S.Bach  
(Christ lay in the bonds of death)*

**The Sermon:**           The Reverend Shane Hübner

*The Pascal Candle is carried to the font as the choir sings:*

*'O sons and daughters' – H.Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

O sons and daughters let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King  
O'er death today rose triumphing. *Alleluia!*

That Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. *Alleluia!*

An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spake unto the three:  
'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.' *Alleluia!*

On this most holy day of days: to God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise. *Alleluia!*

## **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

Dear friends,  
through the paschal mystery  
we have been buried with Christ in his baptism,  
so that we may rise with him to new life.  
Now that our Lenten observance is ended,  
let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

**I do.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I do.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I do.**

I ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace,  
strive to live as a disciple of Christ,  
loving God with your whole heart,  
and your neighbour as yourself,  
until your life's end?

**I will with God's help.**

God our creator,  
Rock of our salvation,  
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,  
and forgiven our sins  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
May God keep us faithful to our calling  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation  
your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.  
With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;  
you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give your thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:  
or his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death,  
Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.  
**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the  
likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.  
**Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that we are  
made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.  
Pour out your Holy spirit in blessing,  
that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism.  
May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Water is sprinkled over the people.*

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE EASTER EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 393**

Tune: VULPIUS

- 1. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 2. He is the grain of wheat that died,  
sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
yielding a harvest of new life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

3. He is the sun which brings the dawn:  
he is the light of all the world,  
setting us free from death and sin.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
4. He is the vine set in the earth,  
sharing our life, from birth to death,  
that we might share in God's own life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
5. He is the bread that comes from God,  
broken to feed us in our need,  
given to bring eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
6. Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pamela Stotter (b. 1944)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit  
was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

CHOIR: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

CHOIR: *Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.*

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise.

CHOIR: *Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

AGNUS DEI *sung by the choir*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us Thy peace.

## THE COMMUNION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The congregation comes forward immediately for Communion.*

*Communicant Christians of other church traditions are invited also to receive Communion.*

MOTET: *Jesus, so lowly - Harold Friedell (1905 - 1958)*

Jesus so lowly, child of the earth:  
christen me wholly, bring me new birth.

Jesus so lowly, weary and sad;  
teach me that only love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;  
be this the token love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;  
teach me how glorious death is to be.

**Post-Communion Sentence** *(sung by the choir)*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, Alleluia:

Let us celebrate the feast

with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal God, you have brought us life and hope through these Easter mysteries. Fill us with your Spirit and unite us in your peace and love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

**THANKSGIVING HYMN 370**

Tune: EASTER HYMN

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today: Halleluja!  
Let the whole creation say: Halleluja!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Halleluja!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply: Halleluja!**
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done; Halleluja!  
fought the fight, the battle won; Halleluja!  
vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Halleluja!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell. Halleluja!**
- 3 Lives again our glorious king; Halleluja!  
where, O death, is now your sting? Halleluja!  
Once he died our souls to save; Halleluja!  
Where your victory, O grave? Halleluja!**
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Halleluja!  
following our exalted Head; Halleluja!  
made like him, like him we rise: Halleluja!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Halleluja!**

Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt.

### **THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

The blessing of the Living God,  
who brings light out of darkness be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity,  
be upon you and remain with you now, and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Prelude in G, BWV 541 - J.S.Bach*

Mass Setting: DARKE in F

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