

Christ Church St Lucia



*Sung Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

*9am*

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*Acknowledgment of Country*

*We acknowledge the Turrbal & Jagera people, traditional custodians of the Country on which we gather for worship. We pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all First Nations people present today.*

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**THE ENTRANCE**

MASS SETTING: *Rutter*

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Fantasy: Easter Hymn - William Harris (1883-1973)*  
*Easter Carol - Alan Bullard (b.1947)*

**OPENING 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 Greeting

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

### Children's Easter Story

#### Confession & Absolution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,  
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
with a sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Kyrie eleison (sung by all)*

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness  
to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Gloria (sung by all)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

## **The Collect for Easter Day**

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.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Acts 10.34-43*

Reader: 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.'

For the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim:  
that his mercy endures for ever.  
The Lord is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.  
The sound of joy and deliverance:  
are in the tents of the righteous.  
The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:  
the right hand of the Lord raises up.  
I shall not die but live:  
and proclaim the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has disciplined me hard:  
but he has not given me over to death.  
Open me the gates of righteousness:  
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord:  
the righteous shall enter it.  
I will praise you, for you answered me:  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner.  
This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made:  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**New Testament Reading**

*Colossians 3.1-4*

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN 386**

Tune: RUGGIERO

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

- 1 Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
sound it to the souls in prison,  
shout our triumph to the sky:  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.**

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

- 2 Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
let all times and peoples listen:  
death has no more victory,  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.**

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

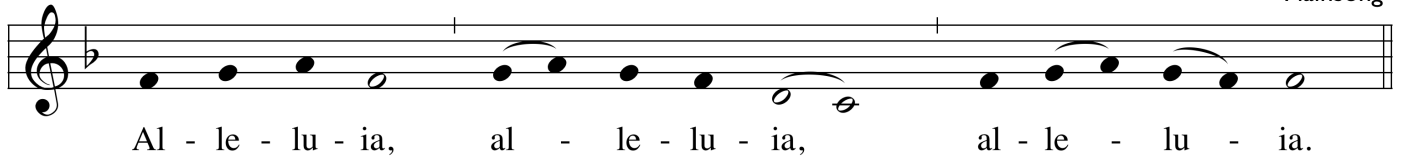
- 3 Death has lost and life has won;  
every newborn soul we christen  
has the Father's child become:  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.**

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

James Phillip McAuley (1917-76)

*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.**

**The HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 16.1-8*

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

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

ORGAN ACCLAMATION: *Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628 – J.S.Bach*

**The Sermon:** The Reverend Shane Hübner



REFLECTION: *The Easter Song of Praise – Richard Shephard (b.1949)*

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Salute your king in glorious symphony!

Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past; the day of light is here!

Sing Church of God! Exalt with joy outpoured!  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!  
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore!  
Let all God's people shout the loud Amen!

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Holy God,  
Thank you for Jesus, for his life, death and resurrection.  
With people around the world,  
we lift our voices and sing:

**Hallelujah! Amen.**



Thank you for people and nations who live in your righteousness.  
We pray for nations at war, praying particularly for the nations of  
Ukraine and Russia, for victims of terrorism and for refugees - make us  
open and receptive to their needs. Make us agents of your peace so we  
hasten the day when all people will lift their voices and sing:

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

Thank you for men and women of faith who live as witness to the life of  
Jesus. Bless them all. We pray for Anglican Churches worldwide, for  
Bishops, Priests, Deacons, for all whose lives reflect their baptism. As  
we renew our baptism promises may the light we have seen in the lives  
of the saints enrich our own walk with the risen Christ.

Let your love and forgiveness grow in our lives so we joyfully lift our  
voices and sing:

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

Compassionate God, be with people who suffer and mourn. We hold before you these who have asked for our prayers:  
Paul, Harry, Nicola, John, Zoe, Julia, Jarman, Linda, Thor, Gwenda, Mary, Annette, Jacinta, Darrel, Michelle, Adrian, Serge, Harvey, Robyn, Keith & Loraine, Adele & Michelle, Tyson, Megan & family, James and Robyn and these known to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*... (a period of time to pray) ...*

Shelter them in your love and bless those who love and care for them. Keep safe all who travel; let family gatherings be places of laughter and wholeness. Send your gift of peace and raise us to fullness of life so we and all your people will lift our voices and sing:

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

Blessed be Jesus who opened the gate to eternal life. We pray for all who have entered into the joy of your realm, all who have found new peace and life in you, Let us, with all creation, lift our voices and sing:

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

Almighty God,  
**you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**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.**

*All stand, as the sanctuary party moves to the font.*

*The congregation is invited to turn and face the font.*

## **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 you 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.**

### OFFERTORY HYMN 388 (omit vv 5,6,7)

Tune: LLANFAIR

- 1 Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,  
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;  
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,  
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.
- 2 See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia,  
from the tomb where once he lay, alleluia;  
he has risen as he said, alleluia,  
glorious firstborn from the dead, alleluia.
- 3 Mary, Mother, greet your Son, alleluia,  
radiant from his triumph won, alleluia;  
by his cross you shared his pain, alleluia,  
so for ever share his reign, alleluia.
- 4 Magd'len, wipe away your tears, alleluia:  
he has come who calms your fears, alleluia;  
hear the Master speak your name, alleluia;  
turn to him with heart aflame, alleluia.
- 5 Christ, the victor over death, alleluia,  
breathes on us the Spirit's breath, alleluia.  
Paradise is our reward, alleluia,  
endless Easter with our Lord, alleluia!

James Quinn (1919-2010)

## 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:

**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.**

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:

**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.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and 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 all)

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us your peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 360**

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

- 1 Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky;  
heav'n thunders forth its victory:  
*alleluia, alleluia!*  
the glad earth shouts her triumph high  
and groaning hell makes wild reply:  
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 2 while our Lord Christ, the mighty king,  
despoiling death of all its sting  
*alleluia, alleluia!*  
and trampling down the powers of night  
brings forth his ransomed souls to light.  
*alleluia ...*
- 3 His tomb of late the threefold guard  
of watch and stone and seal had barred;  
*alleluia, alleluia!*  
but now in power and triumph high  
he comes from death to victory.  
*alleluia ...*
- 4 The pains of hell are loosed at last;  
the days of mourning now are past;  
*alleluia, alleluia!*  
an angel robed in light has said,  
'The Lord has risen from the dead!'  
*alleluia ...*

5 From every weapon death can yield  
 your own redeemed for ever shield:  
*alleluia, alleluia!*  
 O Lord of all, with us abide  
 in this our joyful Eastertide.  
*alleluia ...*

Anon., Latin c,7th cent.  
 tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 *alt.*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God the Father,  
 by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
 strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
 and the blessing of God Almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
 be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon/Priest

Go in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ALL

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE: *Prelude & Fugue in D, BWV 532 - J.S.Bach*

Trumpet: John Coulton

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