

**Holy Trinity 10am Parish Eucharist
Easter Day
31st March 2024**

5pm Service today is Festal Choral Evensong

VOLUNTARY

Prayer on screen during Voluntary:

Today we rejoice in the salvation of the world.

Christ is risen; let us arise in him!

Christ enters new life; let us live in him!

Christ has come forth from the tomb;

the powers of evil are overcome!

In Christ, a new creation is coming to birth,

Alleluia!

Lord, make us new,

Alleluia!

(St. Gregory of Nazianzus, 4th Century)

THE GATHERING

Informal welcome

*after which a moment of stillness is kept as we open our hearts to the
presence of the risen Jesus here with us now*

Please stand as the hymn begins.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!

Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!

**Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King. Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!**

On screens: ***Please turn to face the rear of the church.***

THE GREETING

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

President The God of life, who broke the bonds of death and raised
Jesus from the tomb, be with you all.

All And also with you.

The president announces the response to the following:

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

(This acclamation is repeated three times with increasing enthusiasm)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM COMMITMENT

President Beloved siblings, this is the morning on which the
Lord appeared to his friends and opened their eyes to what
the Scriptures foretold. As we gather to celebrate his
glorious resurrection, I invite you those of you who are
baptised to renew your commitment to worship and serve
God.

The response to each question is, "I will."

At your baptism you turned to Christ, repented of your sins,
and renounced evil. Will you continue to follow him as your

All Lord and Saviour?
I will.

President Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will.**

President Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will.**

President Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of
God in Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all people and
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **I will.**

President Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All **I will.**

*The Deacon presents a bowl of water from the font,
blessed at the previous evening's Easter Vigil.*

*Children are invited to come and collect a beaker of Holy Water,
to assist with the sprinkling.*

President Let us pray that through this rite of sprinkling God will give
us grace faithfully to fulfil the promises we have made:

O God most high, in our Baptism we have been immersed in
the saving death of our Lord, that we might rise to the glory
of new life. From the Lamb sacrificed for us on the cross
you have made spring up for us fountains of living water.
Cleanse and bless us as we are now sprinkled with this holy
water.

People are sprinkled with the water of baptism.

ANTHEM

This joyful Eastertide

William Henry Harris

*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: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day
prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

*Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river: lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day
prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

THE COLLECT

***We collect our personal thoughts and prayers in a moment of silence
before the President says the following prayer.***

President 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.

All **Amen.**

President Having affirmed together our Baptismal commitment
let us listen with open ears and hearts to the Good
News of this Easter Day.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–43 (Federica Leonardis)

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

Please stand as the music begins

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

All Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING John 20:1–20

Please turn to face the Gospel as it is read

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All (sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

Minister This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All (sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (Rev'd Patrick Taylor)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand with the President

President Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.

Cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President 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.

President The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.
All And also with you. Alleluia!

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

During the hymn bread and wine are brought to the altar by representatives of the community and prepared for their holy use.

OFFERTORY SONG

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was magnified,
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain,
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

*Following the hymn, the President says the prayer
at the preparation of the table:*

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

All **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,** arr. Anne Harrison
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come;
holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the heights of heaven.
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord.

Please kneel or sit

President Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty
clean.

All This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

All This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
On this day we rejoice that he defied death, rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

All This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Send your Spirit on us now
and upon these gifts
that by them we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

*We acknowledge the presence of the risen Christ in our midst as the
consecrated bread and wine are elevated and the bell is rung*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The President introduces the Lord's Prayer

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

The President breaks the consecrated bread

President 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.**

THE INVITATION

The President invites the people to receive Holy Communion

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

AGNUS DEI

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
In your mercy, come and heal us; Lord, hear our prayer.
Take away our sins, forgive us,
Lamb of God, restore, redeem us,
grant us peace, Lord in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer. (Repeat)**

***Please come to a communion station when indicated by a Warden.
Baptised communicant members of any church are able to receive
communion. Otherwise, do come forward anyway, and a minister will
give you a blessing instead.***

The Choir sings during Communion:

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is risen again!

John Rutter

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the Cross,
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia!*

*Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n, how we too may enter heav'n. Alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed;
take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!*

Song during Communion

Noel Richards and Tricia Richards

**All heaven declares
The glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
With the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship him alone.**

**I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain
To reconcile us all to God.
Forever you will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship you alone.**

TRINITY VOICES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*After a period of silent prayer, we say together the
Post Communion prayer*

All God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The notices

THE BLESSING

Please stand

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

President God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
All **Amen.**

President God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
All **Amen.**

President God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with His peace.
All **Amen.**

President And the blessing of God almighty, †
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Maccabaeus

**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 vict'ry 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:**

CHORUS

**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:**

CHORUS

***We face the doors of the church as we prepare to go out and be
Christ's risen presence in the world***

Deacon Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Deacon Go in the joy and peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

Fugue on 'Maccabeaus'

Alexandre Guilmant

***Everyone is invited to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt
in the churchyard.***