

5 April 2026 - Easter Day

GATHERING SONG

Allelujah

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120 Thine Be The Glory

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

*Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord!
Alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to his name.*

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the King of creation.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen.**

**We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live for ever.**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour!**

BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDEN

Please turn to the back of church

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid;
for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.'

Blessed are you,
O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In your great mercy you have given us new birth
into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

Bless ✠ this Easter garden.
May we who have prepared it in celebration of his
victory be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory;
for he is alive and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Stand

113 Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

GREETING

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on me.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
and forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen, Amen!
Amen, Amen!
Amen, 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.
Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria! Gloria!
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! gloria!
in excelsis Deo!

Lord God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.

Gloria! Gloria!...

Jesus, saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all.

Gloria! Gloria!...

**At the Father's right hand,
Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are Lord.**

Gloria! Gloria!...

**Glory Father and Son,
glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name.**

Gloria! Gloria!...

COLLECT

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

FIRST READING:

Sit

Acts 10.34-43

God Raised Him On The Third Day

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.'

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

**This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

**This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

**This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.**

SECOND READING:

Colossians 3:1-14

Set Your Minds On Things That Are Above

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.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. **Alleluia**

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✕ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus Said To Her 'Mary'

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 towards 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' 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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 hold on to 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.

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

<i>Sit</i>

NICENE CREED

<i>Stand</i>

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

<i>Stand</i>

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS:
Cantate Domino**

**Cantate Domino.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jubilate Deo**

(sing to the Lord, Alleluia, rejoice in the Lord)

**OFFERTORY HYMN:
119 The Strife is O'er**

During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.

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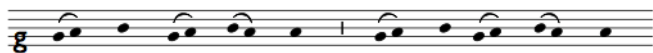
OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:

Holy, holy: **Holy, holy.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN: At Your Feet We Fall

**At Your feet we fall, mighty risen Lord,
as we come before Your throne to worship You!
By Your Spirit's power you now draw our hearts,
and we hear your voice in triumph ringing clear.**

*I am he that lives, that lives and was dead!
Behold, I am alive, alive evermore!*

**There we see You stand, mighty risen Lord,
clothed in garments pure and holy, shining bright;
eyes of flashing fire, feet like burnished bronze,
and the sound of many waters is Your voice.**

I am he that lives...

**Like the shining sun in its noonday strength,
we now see the glory of Your wondrous face:
once that face was marred, now You're glorified;
and Your words, like a two-edged sword,
have mighty power.**

I am he that lives...

COMMUNION HYMN: See, What A Morning

**See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;**

**And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**COMMUNION HYMN:
121 This Joyful Eastertide**

Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring your service sheet with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Stand*

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.
Amen

NOTICES *Sit*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *Stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠May almighty God bless you,
the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:
124 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem**