



Welcome

The Second Sunday of Easter

7 April



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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*We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the **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.**

**2 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:
Thine be the glory, etc**

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is naught 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, etc**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

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

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Priest Alleluia, Christ is Risen

All He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest introduces the service and then leads the congregation in prayer:

**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.**

The priest invites the congregation to seek God's mercy and grace. We say together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,**

through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
**We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which all reply: **Amen**. The **Gloria** is sung from the separate music sheet. The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung.*

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
*We sit for the **first** and **second readings**.*

First Reading

Acts 4.32-35, read by Tom

³²The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.
³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.
³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

1 John 1.1-2.2, read by Tom

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

At the end:

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

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and face the Gospel book*

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20, 19-31)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*We stand to say the **Creed***

**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 of 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.

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow*

At the end:

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

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always
All **And also with you**
Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken during the **hymn***

To God be the glory! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth
has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this
wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our
spiritual drink

All Blessed be God for ever

Priest Pray my sisters and brothers that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the
Almighty Father

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

The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which we reply **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise...

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** *from the music sheet*

The **Eucharistic Prayer** *continues until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: Amen

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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**

Priest 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 **Agnus Dei** is sung from the music sheet*

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*The congregation approaches the altar to receive **Communion**. All those who are in good standing with their own Church are invited to receive Communion.*

Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail, or bring this booklet as a sign for the Priest

Please make your way to the Altar rail, and kneel (if able)

Please receive Communion in your hand ONLY. If you do not wish to receive the Chalice, please return to your place.

Please keep absolute silence during Communion

*After Communion we remain seated to sing the **hymn***

**O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive thy church with life and power.
O breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit thy church to meet this hour.**

**2 O wind of God, come, bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in thy tenderness remake us,
revive, restore; for this we plead.**

**3 O breath of love, come, breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart:
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive thy church in every part.**

**4 Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip thy church to spread the light.**

Post Communion Prayers:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

We say together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

*Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.
and then the Priest says:*

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West End for the **dismissal***

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

hearts to Heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil
in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried:
now he lives for evermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen!

set your hearts on things above:
there in all the Father's glory
lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us,
see his wounded hands and side!
now let every wrong be ended,
every sin be crucified.

4 Alleluia, alleluia!

glory be to God on high:
alleluia to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
alleluia, alleluia

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

‘What’s On’ this week

Tonight

7.30pm The Show Shanties **

Wednesday 10 April

12.00 Sandwich Lunch in church – *All Welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Friday 12 April

1pm Lunchtime Concert

4pm Memorial Service for the late John White RIP

Saturday 13 April

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 14 April

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s
for the Third Sunday of Easter*

Electoral Roll

It is time for the annual revision of the electoral roll (*effectively the membership of the church – and nothing to do with local or national elections!*) If you are on the roll, and wish to remain so, you need do nothing. If you are not on the roll and wish to be, please ask for a form from Simon or Carol.

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