



Welcome

The Third Sunday of Easter

4 May



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

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.

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,
who in your great mercy gladdened the
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence
with us, that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life and serve you
continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 9.1-6(7-20), read by Jim

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder
against the disciples of the Lord, went to
the high priest ²and asked him for letters
to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if
he found any who belonged to the Way,
men or women, he might bring them
bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going
along and approaching Damascus, suddenly

a light from heaven flashed around him.
⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and

immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

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

Second Reading

Revelation 5.11-14, read by James

¹¹I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

At the end:

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All Thanks be to God

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book*

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
 with angels round the throne;
 ten thousand thousand are their
 tongues,
 but all their joys are one.**

**2 'Worthy the lamb that died,' they
 cry,
 'To be exalted thus;'
 'Worthy the lamb,' our lips reply,
 'For he was slain for us.'**

**3 Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can
give,
be, Lord, for ever thine,**

**4 Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the lamb.**

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
Luke (6, 17-26)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they

were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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***

**We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for all in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.**

**2 Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**3 Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.**

**4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and
Hell
That we might share His
victory.**

**5 Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.**

**6 Now we rejoice to name Him
King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.**

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 friends 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**

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 to the

Please keep absolute silence during Communion

**I As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you**

**You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone will my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you**

**2 I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye**

**3 You're my friend and you are my
Father
Even though you are my King
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything**

Post Communion Prayers:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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**
Refrain:*

**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. Refrain.**

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

**3 We have been crucified with
Christ.
Now we shall live forever. Refrain.**

**4 God has proclaimed the just
reward:
Life for mankind, alleluia! Refrain.**

**5 Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain.**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord
All Thanks be to God

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

4.30pm Lydia Jenkins Memorial Concert **

Monday 5 May

10am-10pm Oh Freedom Festival **

Tuesday 6 May

10.30am Sing Space Choir

Wednesday 7 May

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Friday 9 May

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6.30 & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 10 May

Sunday 11 May

11.00 Sung Eucharist

12.00 Puppet Service

12.45-5pm The May Fayre and Puppet Festival

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s*

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