



Welcome

The Second Sunday of Easter

12 April



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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*We sing the **Hymn**, as the Altar Party enters*

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 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.**

**3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.**

**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!
To the triune majesty.**

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**. We sing the **Gloria 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 2.14a,22-32, read by Jim

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ²²‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

At the end:

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

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.3-9, read by Noel

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

At the end:

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

*We sing the **hymn** as we turn to 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.**

*We stand (if able) for the **Gospel** reading*

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.

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the disciples were together, with the
doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came
and stood among them and said, "Peace be
with you!" After he said this, he showed
them his hands and side. The disciples were
overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the
Father has sent me, I am sending you." And
with that he breathed on them and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive
anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do
not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the
Twelve, was not with the disciples when
Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,
"We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail
marks in his hands and put my finger where
the nails were, and put my hand into his side,
I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house
again, and Thomas was with them. Though
the doors were locked, Jesus came and
stood among them and said, "Peace be with
you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your
finger here; see my hands. Reach out your

hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting
and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my
God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen
me, you have believed; blessed are those
who have not seen and yet have believed."
Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the
presence of his disciples, which are not
recorded in this book. But these are written
that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that by 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 the **Hymn** as the Altar is prepared
for the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A Collection is
taken during the **hymn***

**Jesus, these eyes have never seen
that radiant form of thine;
the veil of sense hangs dark between
thy blessed face and mine.**

**2 I see thee not, I hear thee not,
yet art thou oft with me;
and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
as where I meet with thee.**

**3 Yet, though I have not seen, and still
must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,
unseen, but not unknown.**

**4 When death these mortal eyes shall
seal,
and still this throbbing heart,
the rending veil shall thee reveal
all glorious as thou art.**

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
the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the
separate 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

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** from the separate
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
Priest. 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.

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

**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

Priest

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

All

**Thanks be to God,
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

‘What’s On’ this week

*Please note that Simon is now on study leave until Tuesday 7 July.
All enquiries should be directed to the church office.*

Monday 13 April

10am Community Art Club

Tuesday 14 April

6.30pm Tuesdays@Actors’Church

Wednesday 15 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Friday 17 April

11am Baby Broadway**

Sunday 19 April

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist, for the Third Sunday of Easter

**** Tickets for all paid events are available at www.actorschurch.org**