



Welcome

The Third Sunday of Easter

19 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

**Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!**

**2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!**

**3. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!**

**4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!**

**5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he has gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!**

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, 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 2.14a,36-41, read by Max

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ³⁶'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'

⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.17-23, read by Rob

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you

have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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*

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 all men, alleluia!
(Refrain.)**

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

All remain standing (if able) 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 (Luke 24.13-35)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning

with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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**

Will you come and follow me
 If I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 And never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 Will you let my name be known,
 Will you let my life be grown
 In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
 If I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 And never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 Should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer
 In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
 If I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free
 And never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean,
 And do such as this unseen,
 And admit to what I mean
 In you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
 If I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 And never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 To reshape the world around,
 Through my sight and touch and
 sound
 In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
 When you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 And never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 Where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow
 In you and you in me.

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
Priest **Blessed be God for ever**
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
Priest **Blessed be God for ever**
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

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

**Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2. Let us drink the cup together on our knees,
Let us drink the cup together on our knees. (Refrain)**

**3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)**

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***

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men 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. 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 on
info@actorschurch.org.*

Monday 20 April

10am Community Art Club – *all welcome*

Wednesday 22 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Thursday 23 April

Church closed for a private event.

Friday 24 April

1pm Dramatic Voices and Dramatic Repertoire - Part 1
(Free Lunchtime Concert)

Saturday 25 April

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 26 April

I I am Parish Sung Eucharist *for the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Please note that the London Marathon takes place on this day, and you may need to adjust your route to get to Church.

Notice - Revision of the Electoral Roll

The current roll is displayed in the foyer. If you wish your name to remain, do nothing. If you would like your name added, please ask a sidesman for a form before 17th May 2026.

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