

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
LOWESTOFT



Holy Communion for the Easter season



Sunday 18th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Setting: Thorne

Deacon Gerda
Preacher Rev Pauline
Presiding Canon Simon

WELCOME & Introduction [please remain seated]

Lord of all life, God of Easter
all living things reflect your glory.
Restore and heal all that is wounded
Roll back the stone of prejudice and fear
Release the signs of spring

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN 713 -: Lord of all hopefulness.

1 Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek (Jan Struther) (1901-1953)

In the light of the risen son
We worship today

**Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Invitation to **CONFESSION**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Confession (*please sit or kneel*)

When we do not live in the joy of the resurrection
but are caught up in the demands of the world

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

When there are no signs of spring in our hearts
And we neglect to care for our world

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

When we fail to see Christ in friend and stranger
And we fail to see Christ in ourselves

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ
our Lord **Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Gloria

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth, Lord
God, Heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of
God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

THE COLLECT *(Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet)*

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *(please sit)*

All age talk

READINGS

New Testament: Acts 11: 1-18 Read by Val

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a

message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 448 - I come with joy.

***1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.***

***2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ’s communion bread.***

***3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.***

***4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.***

***5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we’ll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.***

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Please remain standing for the **GOSPEL READING**

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

Jesus is risen from the dead

Alleluia!

He has defeated death

Alleluia!

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing

Alleluia!

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev Pauline

We stand to affirm our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – led by Jennifer D

Please sit or kneel. These responses may be used

Risen Christ Jesus

Open the tombs of our hearts

at the end

God of the Easter faith

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

Banns of Marriage, Notices and time of sharing

THE PEACE (*please stand*)

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 212 - Now the green blade riseth.

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared. The collection is also offered at the Altar]

***1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.***

***2 In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,
Thinking that he never would awake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green,***

***3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for the three days in the grave had lain.
Back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.***

***4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.***

JOHN MACLEOD CAMPBELL CRUM (1872-1958)

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
**May we recognise you as the fire that burns within us
that we may bring light to your world. Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

[Please sit or kneel - The choir may remain standing]

*The Lord be with you
and also with you*

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

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.*

We praise you for Jesus Christ,
risen to life, eternal as your love.
With the women at the tomb,
we raise the strain of gladness.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead,
and we share his risen life.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And now we give you thanks that
The day of resurrection has come,
scattering fear and gloom.
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.***

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.



After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this in remembrance of me.



Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory,
for ever and ever praising you and singing

***Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.***

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many, we are one body

Because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.***

Come to this table, because Jesus loved you
and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ,
for we are his Body.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a Hymn is also sung during communion (please remain seated)

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)

Hymn: 747 - *O God, you search me and you know me.*

1 *O God, you search me and you know me.*

All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.

*When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.*

2 *You know my resting and my rising.*

*You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life and death, you are.*

3 *Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.*

*You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.*

4 *Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.*

*There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.*

**5 For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.**

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) based on Psalm 139

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love,
we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world
to live your way and share your joy.
We are now commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

HYMN 593 - At the name of Jesus.

**1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word.**

**2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders
in their great array.**

**3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it,
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.**

**4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.**

**5 Name Him, Christians, name him,
with love as strong as death;
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.**

***6 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.**

**7 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

CAROLINE MARIA NOEL (1817-1877)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed Alleluia!

THE BLESSING

The God of peace,
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
That great shepherd of the sheep,
Through the blood of the eternal covenant,
Make us perfect in every good work to do his will,
Working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you,
be upon those you love, pray for and care for
now and for evermore.

Amen.

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

In the name of Christ
Alleluia, Alleluia



