

# Holy Communion for the **EASTER SEASON**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Please feel free to sit or stand as you feel most comfortable.  
Congregational responses are usually shown in **bold type**, where these are also in *italics* they are normally sung.



## WELCOME & Introduction

**Presiding: Canon Simon Stokes**

**Preacher: Rev Jim Florance**

**Deacon: Sarah**

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 486 - Christ is the King!**

***Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.  
Alleluia.***

***O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia.***

***They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.  
Alleluia.***

***O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia.***

***Christ through all ages is the same: place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.  
Alleluia.***

***Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia.***

***So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
Alleluia.***

**George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883–1958)\***

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, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Please sit

All age Talk

## READINGS

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Read by Christine

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 John 5: 9-13 Read by Gill

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 362 - *Come, let us join our cheerful songs.*

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

*"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"to be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
"for he was slain for us!"*

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

*Let all that dwell above the sky,  
And air, and earth, and seas,  
Conspire to lift thy glories high,  
And speak thine endless praise.*

*Let all creation joins in one,  
to bless the sacred Name  
of him who sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.*

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Based on Revelation 5:11-13

Please remain standing for the **GOSPEL READING**

John 17: 6-19 Read by Revd Jim

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.***

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed.

‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**SERMON** Revd. Jim

*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** lead by Gerda

*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)*

*These words may be used*

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.**

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 589 - *Angel voices ever singing.*

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared]

***Angel voices, ever singing,  
round thy throne of light,  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless Thee,  
and confess Thee  
Lord of might.***

***Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.***

***Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.***

***In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
in our choicest  
psalmody.***

***Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.***

Francis Pott (1832-1090)

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 honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, 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.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a **HYMN** is also sung during Communion. (Please remain seated)

**Anthem:           *Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)***

**Hymn: 732 - *My Jesus, my saviour***

***My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down  
and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.***

*Darlene Zschech (b. 1965)*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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 612 - *Christ triumphant.***

***Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

*Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

*Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

*Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

*So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Michael Saward (1932–2015)

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**

