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in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Behold the Risen One

Easter Day 2023

Holy Communion with Renewal of Baptism Vows

We gather

*If you are **worshipping at home**, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Set your Bible alongside. Have a candle ready and the means to light it to hand. Also have a dish of water beside you.*

***In Church**, we gather quietly. When the music stops playing, we stand in silence.*

As on the first Easter morning, a woman breaks the silence:

Reader 1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Reader 2 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

If you worship at home, light your candle as you listen to the Introit.

INTROIT: [Earth, earth, awake](#)

Earth, earth, awake; your praises sing: *Alleluia!*
Greet with the dawn your risen King: *Alleluia!*
Bright suns and stars, your homage pay: *Alleluia!*
Life reigns again this Easter Day: *Alleluia!*

All nature sings of hope reborn: *Alleluia!*
Christ lives to comfort those who mourn: *Alleluia!*
First fruit of all the dead who sleep: *Alleluia!*
Promise of joy for all who weep: *Alleluia!*

Winter is past, the night is gone: *Alleluia!*
Christ's light, triumphant, pales the dawn: *Alleluia!*
Creation spreads its springtime bloom: *Alleluia!*
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb: *Alleluia!*

Praise we the Father, Spirit, Son: *Alleluia!*
Praise we the victory God has won: *Alleluia!*
Praise we the Lamb who reigns above: *Alleluia!*
Praise we the King whose rule is love: *Alleluia!*

(words: Herman G Stuempfle, Jr; music: Sally Ann Morris)

Priest: Christ yesterday, and today,

All: the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;

To Christ be glory and power through every age and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN, during which the singers enter, the paschal candle is brought in and placed on its stand. Light is taken from it and, just as the news spread that first Easter day, we watch it grow brighter as we light one another's candles.

1. [Jesus Christ is risen today](#) , *Alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia!*
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia!*
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia!*
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia!*
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia!*

3. But the pains that he endured, *Alleluia!*
our salvation have procured, *Alleluia!*
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia!*
where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!* *(words: 'Lyrica Davidica' [1708 & others];*

Priest: It is truly right that with full hearts, clear minds and strong voices we should praise the unseen God from whom we all draw life, and Jesus the anointed one, the human face of God's own goodness. In Christ the gap between us and God's deep mystery has been bridged. This is the day God swallows death, that door we once feared to approach; God absorbs its sting in God's own life, strips death of all power and renews our fainting hearts. Morning truly blessed, when heaven and earth are divided no more, women and men are reconciled with God and death gives way to life.

Deacon: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE GLORIA

Leaders: [Glory! Glory! Glory to God!](#)

Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

**All: Glory! Glory! Glory to God!
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!**

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.

Peace to God's people, all people on earth. **Glory...**

Son of the Father, all glory and worship;

Praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God. **Glory...**

You take away_ the sin of the world_

Have mercy on us, receive_ our prayer. **Glory...**

Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,

Jesus alone is the Lord, the most high. **Glory...**

And with the Spirit of love everlasting,

Reigning in glory for ever. Amen. **Glory...**

George Salazar, tr Paul Inwood

We dwell on the Easter news

EASTER COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant the we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

We sit for the NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

We stand for the HYMN [This is the day](#)

1. This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.

2. This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again,
when he rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again.

3. This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came.

(words & music: Les Garrett)

We remain standing as THE GOSPEL READING continues:

Reader 1: But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON *(As we sit, we extinguish our candles)*

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

PRAYERS for the needs of the world, *using the response:*

Jesus, Lord of Life,
In your mercy, hear us.

Ending: Merciful Lord,
Accept our prayers and be with us always. Amen.

We turn to face the font as a procession leads there as we sing:

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God the well-spring of life.

(Taize)

Water is taken from the Font

We renew our Baptism Vows

Priest: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

We affirm our faith

Deacon: Brothers and sisters this joyful Easter Day I invite you to profess together the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

At home, dip you fingers in the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead and say this prayer, saying "me". If there is more than one of you, you could make the sign of the cross on each other and say the prayer for each other.

In Church, Tariro kneels before a member of the congregation who says:

May the God of love and power
who raised Jesus from the dead,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

and sprinkles her with water, reminding her of her baptism.

Tariro then declares forgiveness for all and, following the cross back to the altar, sprinkles the congregation as we sing again:

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God the well-spring of life. (Taize)

THE PEACE

Deacon: The risen lord came and stood among his disciples and said "peace be with you," and they were glad when they saw the Lord. The peace of the Lord be always with you. We say to one another, to those worshipping at home, to Kings Heath, to the whole world:

All: the peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN [The day of resurrection](#)

1. 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 list'ning 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, and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high 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.

*(words: St John of Damascus [c750], trans John Mason Neale;
music: 'Württemberg Gesangbuch' [1784])*

*The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer
(below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared.*

Taking bread and wine, the Priest says:

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest,
All: Make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

We tell the story of God's faithfulness

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, almighty God, for you are the Lord of
creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought
your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised Land, and you
brought your Son from the depths of death to the glory of resurrection
life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

(repeat after cantor)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

**God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord most high.

Hosanna (x2)

Hosanna in the highest.

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to them, saying "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labour, all who stumble, all who hunger and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of bread and be lifted up by your touch. Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your Mary, Mary Magdalen, Peter, John and all the saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

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

**All: 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
and 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 for ever. Amen.**

We break and share the Bread

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.**

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

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation and share your
bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
so that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

The AGNUS DEI is sung

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

We make our way in turn to receive communion, Christians of every denomination are welcome to share the bread and wine. If you prefer not to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing if you wish.

1. Walking in a garden at the close of day,
Adam tried to hide him when heard God say:
"Why are you so frightened, why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in, made the flowers fade."

2. Walking in a garden where the Lord had gone,
three of the disciples, Peter, James and John;
they were very weary, could not keep awake,
while the Lord was kneeling there, praying for their sake.

3. Walking in a garden at the break of day,
Mary asked the gard'ner where the body lay;
but he turned towards her, smiled at her and said:
"Mary, spring is here to stay, only death is dead."

(words: Hilary Greenwood; music: Traditional Irish melody, arr Andrew Moore)

And

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the 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 we 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;
quick from the dead, our 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!

(words: J M C Crum; music: Traditional French, arr Alan Bullard)

After Communion we pray:

Priest: Jesus Christ, we have done as you commanded and remembered you in bread and wine so you have re-joined us with one another and with you. As we have shared these goods in common, open our hearts and hands to share all your gifts, especially the gift of forgiveness, for which the world still hungers. **Amen.**

Deacon: In the beginning was the Word

All: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the world

and the world came into being through him.

He came to what was his own

and his own people did not accept him.

In him was life and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness

and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

and we have seen his glory.

(John 1)

We are sent out

FINAL HYMN [Thine be the glory](#)

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring 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, conqu'ring 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.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*(words: 'À toi la gloire' by Edmund Louis Budry, trans Richard Birch Hoyle;
music: George Frideric Handel)*

The Priest says to the congregation:

God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this Eastertide and always. **Amen.**

Deacon: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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