



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH

**FAMILY COMMUNION
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EASTER SUNDAY



ZOOM DETAILS:

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The Lord be with you
And also with you

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, who made this most holy day to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE EASTER CANDLE IS BLESSED

Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.
Amen.

THE EASTER EXULTET IS SUNG HYMN (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

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!

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!

WELCOME

The Vicar welcomes the congregation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Posies of flowers are placed on the cross.

(Silence is kept before we confess our sins.)

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

May the Father forgive us by the death and resurrection of his Son, and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

Amen

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

We pray together:

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 that 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

HYMN (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Now we rejoice to name him king;
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
the gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John, Chapter 20
beginning at the first verse

Glory to you O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

THE CREED

**Father, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

Jesus we adore You,

**lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

**Spirit, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Vicar addresses the congregation
In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

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?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

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

All **I come to Christ.**

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

After renewing their baptismal vows, the people are sprinkled with Holy Water.

PRAYERS

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father. That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ... we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ... we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God would bring peace to all affected by war and conflict... we pray to the Father

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ... we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelterwe pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world ... we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ...we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day ... we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, ...we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

We stand to sing

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom.
(Repeat)**

HYMN (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

A collection will be made during the singing of this hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn

In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's
domains,
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their
way
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him
bow,
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Alleluya!
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 him thanks and praise

Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

We give thanks for all that God has
done for us.

God the Father created the
heavens, the earth and everything in
them; and created us in his own
image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human like
us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us
together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to
worship this God who loves

We sing:

**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.**

Please sit

We praise you Father that before
Jesus our Saviour suffered and
died, he gave us this holy meal to
share and told us to continue it until
he comes again.

Why do we eat bread together at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying. "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We sing:

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

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**This is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world
Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you but only say the word and I
shall be healed.**

**A Prayer for those joining us on
Zoom who are making their
Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the most Blessed
Sacrament. I love You above `all
things and I desire to receive you
into my soul. Since I cannot now
receive You sacramentally, come
at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were
already there, and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

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.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep 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.

THE EASTER GARDEN IS BLESSED

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation, the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ. To you be glory now
and for ever. In your great mercy
you have given us a new birth into a
living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead. By
your blessing, may we who have
prepared this garden in celebration
of his victory be strengthened in
faith, know the power of his
presence, and rejoice in the hope of
eternal glory. Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER.

**God of Life, who for our
redemption gave your only-
begotten Son to the death of the
cross, and by his glorious
resurrection have delivered us
from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin, that
we may evermore live with him in
the joy of his risen life; Through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 you perfect in every
good work to do his will, working in
you that which is well-pleasing in his
sight; and the blessing ...**Amen**

HYMN (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

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.**

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 is living, death has lost
its sting.

Thine be the glory

No more we doubt thee, glorious
Prince of life;
life is nought 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

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain
with us always.

**And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful
departed through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.
Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We listen to the Organ Voluntary

The Vicar and members of the PCC
wish you a Blessed Easter.

**Please stop to pray at the
Easter Garden to thank God
for his undying love for us.**

Seven Stanzas at Easter

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not
reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the
mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and
toes,
the same valved heart
that—pierced—died, withered,
paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with
metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping,
transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a
sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not
papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that
in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for
each of us

the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the
tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta,
vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in
real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less
monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own
sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable
hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.

John Updike, 1960.