



EASTER SUNDAY

11am, 12 April 2020

*in a time of national and global emergency precautions
to resist the spread of the coronavirus pandemic*

WELCOME TO THE EASTER FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
live streamed from Limpsfield Rectory - Parish Office

A warm welcome to you all joining us from home on Facebook Live or YouTube

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ST PETER'S OLD TOWER CROSS CANDLES

The EXSULTET
(the Easter Song of Praise)

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

HYMN (*NEH 110*)
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

But the pains that he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Alleluia!
And also with you. Alleluia!

COLLECT

God of Glory,
by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE GOSPEL (Gospel Acclamation)

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of 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 Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

St Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they

came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Fear and great joy -
the Resurrection

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

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

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.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.
Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.
Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.
Saving God, give us life.

Bless this water, that we who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us all, bring us to new birth in the household of faith and raise us with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

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

I 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?

I 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?

I 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.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism.
May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, that we may be rooted and
grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

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 Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN (*NEH 103*)

**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 springeth green.***

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

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

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy 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 springeth green.***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (H)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is right to praise you Father,

Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed
for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising to glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body
and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**

With your whole church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal
song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will know eternal life.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
**Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

ANTHEM: p.229, (Dutch carol, arr. Charles Wood, 1866 -1926; words by G.R.Woodward (1848 - 1934)

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.
My Love the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:

Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number...

Refrain:

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver...

Refrain:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

NOTICES

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*NEH 120*)

**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 vict'ry 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 now liveth, death hath lost its sting:...**

**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:...**

BLESSING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace and joy.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary: (pre-recorded at the organ of St Peter's Limpsfield
before the lockdown, by Eliza Percival)

Tuba Tune in D major Op. 15 - Craig Sellar Lang (1891 - 1971)

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