



All Saints Church, Hertford

Family Eucharist for Eastertide

Welcome and Greeting Rev Jo Loveridge

Alleluia Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

and also with you.

Hymn 143 Graham Jones, Ann & Michael Stephens-Jones

- 1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness.
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.

- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

- 4 Alleluia now we cry To our King immortal,
Who triumphant burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia, with the Son God the Father praising;
Alleluia yet again To the Spirit raising.

Preparing for the Word

We worship with Christians near and far,
living and departed, old and young.
God's word is for all of us.

**May it be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.**

Opening Prayer All unmuted for these

Lord, speak to us

that we may hear your word.

Move among us

that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

that we may learn to trust you.

Amen.

Praying for Ourselves All muted

We sit or kneel

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith *cf Romans 6.4*

Father,

we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

Have mercy on us,

bring us back to yourself

as those who once were lost

but now are found through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest declares God's forgiveness

*We Stand to Praise God in the words of the **Gloria:***

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.

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

The Collect, the prayer for the day, is said

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

*We sit for the **Reading Acts 2:14a,22-32** Isabel Hurley*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
"He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption."
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-end Samantha Bowden

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Reflection

We stand for The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen. *Ephesians 3*

We sit or kneel

Praying for others Helen Briggs

Risen Lord Jesus, In the evening when the disciples met, Frightened behind locked doors You came to them with words of peace.

Breathe your Spirit of peace and hope on all whose lives feel locked in and who struggle to cope.

Life-giving God, We give you thanks, For Jesus has risen.

He comes to us with words of peace

Lord, Come to us all today.

In government rooms where politicians meet

In laboratories where scientists seek a vaccine

In businesses and in homes where people feel hard pressed and the future feels uncertain,

Come with words of peace.

On hospital wards where people are suffering,

In care homes where people feel vulnerable

To staff who risk their lives for others

Come with words of peace.

Lord, Come to us whenever we are afraid

Whenever we are grieving,

Come to us now, we pray in silence

And those who mourn for Linda Radford, Nancy Bickle.

For those we care for and are worried about ...

Wendell Newbold, Julie Hughes, Liz McGarry.

Despite the doors which we must lock, the distance we must keep to protect ourselves and others,

Hold us so that we do not shut out the world;

Give us new, resurrection hope and a desire to share the good news of your love at all times.

Come to us with words of peace.

This Easter breathe on us again with your Spirit

For you have overcome evil and death itself.

Renew us in the power of your Spirit

That we may open the doors of our hearts

To bring words of peace to others.

Renew us in the power of your Spirit

That we may have life in your name

And that we may be faithful in prayer and care

In your name, O saving Lord Jesus.

Amen.

Sharing Communion

*We stand for **The Peace***

After the introductory words

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer H)

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

We sit or kneel

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 in 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:

*We say the **Sanctus***

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

There may be a short period of silence

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever.
Amen.**

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.**

We say the *Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Hymn 437 David & Hazel Ford

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek,
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there' is darkness, only light.
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

After Communion

Lord,

we have broken your bread

and received your life.

By the power of your Spirit

keep us always in your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn 145 Graham Jones, Ann & Michael Stephens-Jones

1 Good Christian all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia!

2 The Lord of Life is risen for ay;
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say

Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high
Alleluia!

4 Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing to-day with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia!

Blessing

Through the resurrection of Jesus
God has redeemed us and made us his children.
May God bless you with joy.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ..

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