



All Saints Church, Hertford

Parish Communion

4th April 2021 at 10.00 am on Zoom

Eastertide

The Gathering

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

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The Paschal candle is lit

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

The Exultat
sung by Graham Jones

Hymn: 147 Jesus Christ is risen today

- 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 For the pains which he endured *Alleluia*.
our salvation have secured; *Alleluia*.
now above all powers he's King, *Alleluia*.
where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia*.

Surrexit Christus hodie
Anonymous Latin, Tr Charles Wesley.

Alleluia Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Invitation to confession

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

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president says
Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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 for Easter Day

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.
All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

***New Testament 1 Corinthians 15.1-11* – Helen Briggs**

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the

apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading Mark 16.1-8 Soraia Jorge

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 Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Renewal of Baptism Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his

Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew our promise made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

All I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

All I renounce evil.

And now I ask you to make the profession of the Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

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

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith, we believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Prayers of Intercession Nerine Chalmers

As we celebrate the risen Christ, let us pray to the God of life, in whom we live.

That the Church of God may be bursting with new life, filled with the love that takes even death in its stride; that new and mature Christians together, all in their various ministries, may work in God's strength for the coming kingdom.

That the inhabitants of our planet may recognize God's glory all around, cooperate in the sharing of his gifts, and cultivate the habit of caring love.

That God will bless our homes and families, our places of work and leisure, with new life and the hope of new possibilities touching the ordinary with beauty and joy.

That all who feel trapped or imprisoned – physically, mentally or spiritually – may

feel the stones rolled away and new light pouring into their lives.
That those who have died to this earthly life may find the fullness of God's
eternity, flooded with the light of his love.

That we may live each moment thankfully, assured of God's company and
mercy.

Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve
you with joy forever. 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.

cf John 20.19

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may wave to one another as a sign of peace.

Hymn: Light's glittering morn

- 1 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heav'n thunders forth its victor-cry:
alleluia, alleluia
the glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
alleluia...
- 2 That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord:

Aurora lucis rutilat, Anonymous Latin translated by John M Neale.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.
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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son,
born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he
opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by
rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously
from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken
away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has
restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of
heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and
saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you
thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance
of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, 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.

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring
before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and
serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and
one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise
and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Silence may be kept

The Lord's Prayer

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.
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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

Communion

Motet: Haec Dies á 6 – Palestrina

Sung by members of All Saints Choir

– recorded individually specially for this service

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: *This is the day which the Lord hath made:*
exultemus et laetemur in ea, *let us be glad and rejoice therein.*
alleluya. *Alleluia.*

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.

Silence is kept.

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the
gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your
children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn: *Thine be the glory*

1 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.*

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.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!
Life is naught 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, risen conquering Son:
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Edmond L Budry, translated from the French by Richard B Hoyle.

Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, +and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**