



## All Saints Church, Hertford

# Family Eucharist for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### *Welcome and Greeting* Rev Jo Loveridge

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

### *Introit O taste and see – Vaughan Williams*

Cambridge Singers

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

*Ps 34.8*

### *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*

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*

*We sit or kneel*

Jesus said, Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him

**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*

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

**Amen**

*Reading Acts 3.12-19* Andrew Povey-Richards

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate,

though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

***At the end the reader may say***

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Reading Luke 24.36b-48*** Andrew Belfield

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 Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Reflection*** Rev Jo

### ***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***

### ***Praying for others*** Mary Penny

May God be glorified now, as we commit ourselves to the work of prayer, interceding for those in all kinds of need.

In our worship, and our openness to the Spirit of life, in the Church's longing and outreach, in the priests, the people, in all seekers and honest doubters, in all this may God be glorified.

In the welfare programmes and peace-making missions, in the struggle to uphold justice, in the aid given to the hungry and homeless, in all this may God be glorified.

In the loving and costly commitment of mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, daughters and sons, in the determination to forgive and forgive, in all the lives shared and cherished, in all this may God be glorified.

In the work of nursing, comforting and healing, in the daily patient struggle with pain and weakness, and in the practical good humoured caring, in all this may God be glorified.

In the twilight years in the facing of death, in lives well lived and now breaking into eternity, in all this may God be glorified.

In the freedom offered through forgiveness, in the joy of Resurrection life, in the hope of eternity, in all this may God be glorified.

### ***At the end the intercessor may say***

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

### **Sharing Communion**

God has called us to live in peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

## *Offertory Hymn Christ is alive!*

### First Methodist Houston, Downtown

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim here and now,  
and dwell in every place and time.
- 3 Not throned afar, remotely high,  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
Our Saviour in the Godhead reigns.
- 4 In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
He suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## *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.

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.**

### *Giving of Communion*

### *O for a closer walk with God – Stanford*

Choir of Kings School, Canterbury

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

*William Cowper*

## *After Communion*

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**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 – The strife is o'er*

Kings College, Cambridge

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

*Blessing*

*Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Organ The strife is o'er – Willan*

Professor Ian Tracey

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