



All Saints Church, Hertford

Family Eucharist for 4th Sunday of Easter 25th 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 Jubilate (Service in Bb) – Stanford

Choir of St Bartholomew's Church, New York City

- 1 O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands:
- 2 serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
- 3 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
- 5 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Ps 100

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

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive you all your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Acts 4.5-12 Lisa Meakins

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 10.11-18 Janet Bird

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.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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 Kay Povey-Richards

The Lord is our Shepherd; knowing his care for us, let us pray.

For all who shepherd others as bishops and pastors, and for all in their care; for Christians threatened and under attack; and all whose ministry feels demanding. For a greater affection and care, one for another, in the Church.

We pray for all in positions of leadership and influence in our world, that they may use that power for good; for an increase in our concern for one another's well-being, across all barriers, and for all who are working to build community.

We pray for those who are wandering, lost and aimless, with no idea that any Good Shepherd exists; for those who die unaware that they are precious and valued by the God who loved them into being.

We pray for those who have died to this earthly life, that the Good Shepherd, who understands what it is to die, may bring them safely home.

We pray in thankfulness for your shepherding of us, and own you as our Good Shepherd in whom we are kept safe for ever.

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 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Chet Valley Churches

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To the whole world glad news we bring:
Alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is risen for ay;
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let ell the world 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 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia!

Cyril A Alington (1872-1955)

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

Alleluia! I heard a voice – Weelkes

Choir of St John's College, Cambridge

Alleluia.

I heard a voice as of strong thund'rings, saying, Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and honour and power

be unto the Lord our God and to the Lamb for evermore.

Alleluia

Rev 5.12-13

After Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 – Light's glittering morn

Choir of King Charles the Martyr, Tunbridge Wells

1 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heaven thunders forth its victor-cry;
Alleluia, alleluia.
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, 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:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Aurora lucis rutilat, Anonymous Latin translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Choir Easter Alleluia – Bednall

Ely Cathedral Choirs. Sarah Macdonald, Edmund Aldhouse