



All Saints'
Church
— Child's Hill —

Dawn Vigil
and
First Eucharist of Easter

Welcome to All Saints'

For over 160 years a community has gathered at All Saints' to worship God and to demonstrate faith at work in our daily lives. Our members come from across the city and from all walks of life and all are welcome to join us as we grow together in our relationship with God and one another. As a church we serve the parish of Child's Hill which goes from Dunstan Road in the North to the Hendon Way / Finchley Road Junction in the South, and from Golders Hill Park in the East to Dersingham Road in the West. All Saints' is open Monday through Thursday as a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and hospitality.

We have our roots in the Catholic traditions of the Church of England, but our worship is contemporary and engaging. Today's service is designed to help us celebrate life, to comfort us where we hurt, and to challenge us where we have grown complacent. Children are an important part of our community. They are always welcome in the service, but there is also a Sunday School during term time which meets in the hall.

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The Vigil begins in darkness.

The Introduction

Priest Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life. The Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

First Reading

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the

seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for

food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Prayer

Priest Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Second Reading

Genesis 3: 1-13, 22-24

The serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid

themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever' - therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Prayer

Priest Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Third Reading

Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13

The Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth, for in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights and every living thing that I have made I will blot

out from the face of the ground.’ And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind and all domestic animals of every kind and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth and every bird of every kind - every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life; and those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in. The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased and bore up the ark and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days and again he sent out the dove from the ark and the dove came back to him in the evening and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, ‘Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - so that they may abound on the

earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’ So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.’

Prayer

Priest Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Fourth Reading

Exodus 14: 10-31

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work

that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Prayer

Priest Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Fifth Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I

open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

Prayer

Priest Lord God of our salvation, you speak the word to your scattered people, and bring up our life from the valley of death: breathe your Spirit upon your Church, that we may live and stand before you confident in your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Service of Light

The building being in darkness, the minister and people go in silence to the Garden to kindle the Easter fire.

The fire is blessed:

Priest Let us pray:

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Make this new fire holy and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

All **Amen.**

Priest Eternal God, who made this most holy day to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Easter candle is marked with the following prayer:

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

All **Amen.**

Incense studs are inserted into the Easter Candle with the following prayer:

Priest By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

All **Amen.**

The president lights the Easter Candle, saying:

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

All **Amen.**

The minister bearing the Candle enters the building, followed by the other ministers and the people, pausing three times.

The minister bearing the Candle raises it and sings:

The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

After singing the response for the second time, the congregation lights their candles and the light gradually floods into the church.

The Easter Candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the building.

The Exsultet

The Easter Song of Praise is sung.

Rejoice heavenly powers; sing choirs of angels. Exult all creation around God's throne. Jesus Christ our King is risen. Sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O Earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King. Christ has conquered; glory fills you. The darkness vanishes for ever. Rejoice, O Mother Church: exult in glory. The risen Saviour shines upon you; and let this holy place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

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.**

It is indeed right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, the unseen God, the all powerful Father, and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, for Christ has ransomed us by his blood and paid the price of Adam's sin to you, eternal Father. This is our Passover feast when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our fathers. You freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea. This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin. This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. What good would life have been to us had Christ not come as our redeemer? Father, how wonderful your care for us, how boundless your merciful love: to ransom a slave you gave away your only Son. O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a redeemer.

Most blessed of nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead. Of this night the scripture says: the night will be as clear as day; it will become my light and my joy. The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence and brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings peace to all mankind and humbles earthly pride. Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth and all creation reconciled to God!

Therefore, in the joy of this night, accept, O heavenly Father, our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed: a pillar of fire that glows to your honour. Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night, for Christ, the morning star, has risen never to set and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Easter Acclamation

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

A joyful fanfare is mad. Please join in making a glorious noise.

The Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

All **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.**

To God be Glory forever

All **To God be Glory forever**

Alleluia Amen

All **Alleluia Amen**

Alleluia Amen

All **Alleluia Amen**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus.

All **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus.**

To God be Glory forever

All **To God be Glory forever**

Alleluia Amen

All **Alleluia Amen**

Alleluia Amen

All **Alleluia Amen**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.

All **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.**

To God be Glory forever

All **To God be Glory forever**

Alleluia Amen

All **Alleluia Amen**

Alleluia Amen

All **Alleluia Amen**

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Priest Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the New Testament reading

The New Testament Reading

Romans 6: 3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn - Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days
were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore?'**

**Alleluia, King eternal he the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth his footstool, heaven his throne;
he within the veil has entered robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
he on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic Feast.**

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) alt.
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Please remain standing for the Gospel.

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

Priest This the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

After the sermon a period of silence is kept.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest 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.

Priest 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?

All **I reject them.**

Priest Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

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

All **I repent of them.**

Priest Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Priest Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

Priest Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All **I come to Christ.**

Priest May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

Profession of Faith

Priest Brothers and sisters, 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?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Priest 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?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Priest This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptismal Assurance

Priest Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Priest May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.

Priest 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.

All Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words: Christ is risen.

Hymn - This Joyful Easter-tide

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, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

**My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber;
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.**

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

**Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.**

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

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

The Eucharist

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

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this night of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.**

Please remain standing.

Priest Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Priest Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

All are invited to say the Lord's prayer in their mother tongue.

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

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Priest Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Priest Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry 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, conqu'ring 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.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

'À toi la gloire' by Edmond Louis Dury (1854-1932) trans.

Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

The Blessing and Dismissal

Please remain standing.

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

Priest The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please remain standing while the clergy depart.

Please join us in the hall for a cooked breakfast.

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