



Saint
Michael
& All Angels

Sung Eucharist

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th April 2026
7.30 am



Belief in the resurrection is not an end but a new beginning. Perhaps Thomas understood better than the others that if he believed he would need also to be willing to follow where that belief led: to a life of working and witnessing to Jesus and to God's kingdom, with all the joys and challenges that this would bring. Being sent by Jesus as Jesus was himself sent by the Father is no small thing. Thomas's gift to us is the assurance that when we hesitate, Christ comes back for us and reiterates his call until we can follow.



Order of Service

*The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.*

If you are unable to stand at any point during the service, please feel free to remain seated.

The Gathering

All stand as the Procession of Clergy and Servers enter and gather at the West Door

Processional Hymn

during which the procession moves through the Nave to the Sanctuary and the Altar is censed

**Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.**

Remain standing

The Greeting

The celebrant says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The celebrant says

Opening Prayer

Jesus Christ, we greet you!
Your hands still have holes in them,
your feet are wet from the dew;
and with the memory of our names
undimmed by three days of death
you meet us,
risen from the grave.

**We fail to understand how;
we puzzle at the reason why.**

But you have come:
not to answer our questions,
but to show us your face.

**You are alive,
and the world can rejoice again. Alleluia!**

Prayers of Penitence

The lay leader continues

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

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Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

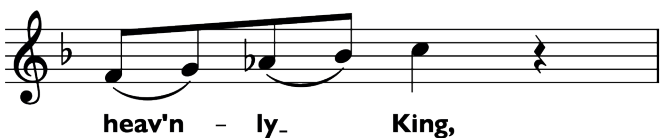
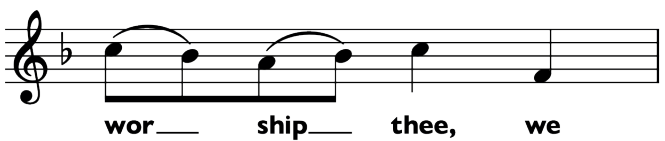
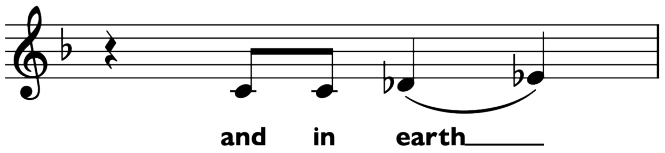
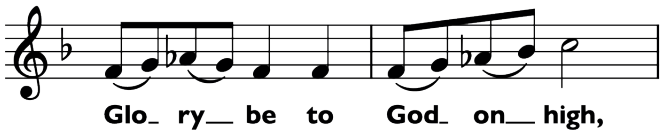
Lord, have mercy.

The celebrant says

The God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

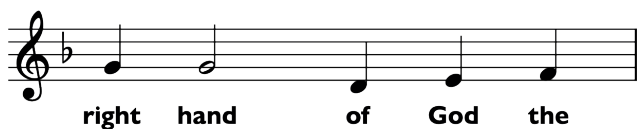


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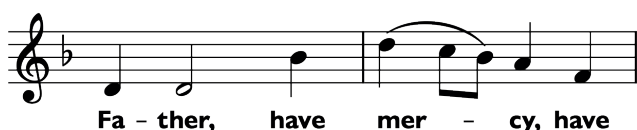


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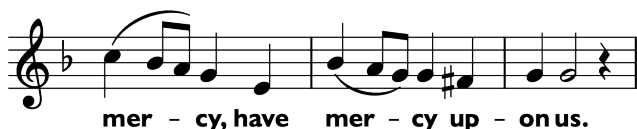




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A-men, A-men, A - men.

The lay leader continues,

The Collect for the Day

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.**

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2. 14a, 22–32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

Remain standing

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 20. 19–31



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors 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 side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Remain standing until invited to be seated

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

All kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

Notices

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Greeting of 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

*during which the bread and wine are brought to the altar,
and a collection is taken for the work of the church and the
charities it supports.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;

sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise:

he who on the cross a victim

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits

of the holy harvest field,

which will all its full abundance

at his second coming yield;

then the golden ears of harvest

will their heads before him wave,

ripened by his glorious sunshine,

from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;

shed upon us heavenly grace,

rain, and dew, and gleams of glory

from the brightness of thy face;

that we, with our hearts in heaven,

here on earth may fruitful be,

and by angel-hands be gathered,

and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;

Alleluia to the Saviour,

who has gained the victory;

Alleluia to the Spirit,

fount of love and sanctity;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

to the Triune Majesty.

Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
**receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

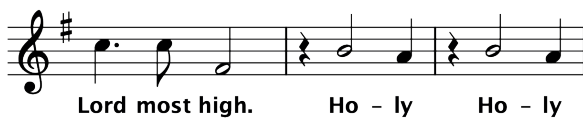
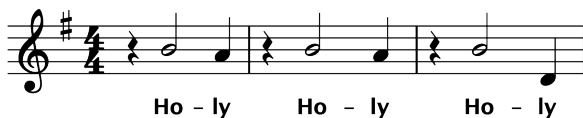
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and every where to give thanks to you,
gracious Father, creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us eternal life
and delivered us from the bondage of sin
and the fear of death
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore we praise you joining our voices
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
who forever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name:



Holy indeed are you almighty Father eternal Sovereign who in all your gifts and works, manifests your holiness to all humanity. Holy is your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ through whom you did order the universe. And holy is your ever blessed Spirit who reveals all things, even the deep things of you, O God.

Just as you yourself are holy, so also you created us in your own image that we might live in holy fellowship. And when we disobeyed your commandments, you did not abandon us but you guided us as a merciful Father, you revealed yourself to us through the sages, the law and the prophets, and through your redeeming acts in history, and when the time was ripe, you came among us through your Son Jesus, whom you sent into the world to share our human nature in order that the Lord Jesus might revive your own image in us.

**Generous God, Jesus loved us
and sacrificed himself for us
and heralded the new life
in breaking bread with companions.**

On the very night that he was betrayed to suffer death upon the cross for us, the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks to you almighty Father, 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 manner, after supper he took the cup also, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink, all of you, from this, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many and for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The celebrant sings,

Great is the mystery of faith

All sing

Christ has died,
Christ is ri - sen,
Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows three lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line is for the lyrics 'Christ has died,' with a fermata over the final note. The second line is for 'Christ is ri - sen,' with a fermata over the final note. The third line is for 'Christ will come a - gain.' with a double bar line at the end.

And so Father,
we present this bread and cup in communion
with your whole church, in fellowship with Blessed Mary,
St. Michael, and all the saints, and in union with all creation
we celebrate your Son's death and victory;
giving thanks for all that Christ has done for us;
for preparing us for all that lies ahead,
as we receive the benefits of Christ's life,
death, resurrection and session in glory,
and we eagerly await the heavenly banquet
after Christ's coming again.

And we entreat you most merciful God
to hear us and send your all Holy Spirit on us
and on these your gifts, that they being blessed
and hallowed by that life giving power,
may be for us the Body and Blood
of your most dearly loved Son,
to the end that we receiving the same
may be sanctified and filled with your grace
and heavenly blessing.

**Accept this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
make us one body in Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom and with whom and in whom
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory be to you
almighty Father, world without end.
Amen.**

Breaking of The Bread

The bread which we break
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
**We being many are one bread,
one body for we all partake of the one bread.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray

All sing:

**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.**

The celebrant continues

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

The gifts of God for the people of God



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Deep Silence

Agnus Dei



Last time



Giving of Communion

The celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Please sit and remain seated until invited to move forward by a sides-person

Prayers after Communion

A minister says,

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures forever.

God of truth,

we have seen with our eyes

and touched with our hands the bread of life:

strengthen our faith

that we may grow in love for you

and for each other;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Dismissal

The 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.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

during which the Servers and Clergy depart

Now is eternal life,

if risen with Christ we stand,

in him to life reborn,

and holden in his hand;

no more we fear death's ancient dread,

in Christ arisen from the dead.

Man long in bondage lay,

brooding o'er life's brief span;

was it, O God, for naught,

for naught thou madest man?

Thou art our hope, our vital breath;

shall hope undying end in death?

And God, the living God,

stooped down to man's estate;

by death destroying death,

Christ opened wide life's gate:

He lives, who died; he reigns on high;

who lives in him shall never die.

**Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid in God with thee,
now and through all eternity.**



Notices

Sunday Fellowship

You are all invited to a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall

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