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A CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER DAY

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## EASTER DAY

*'This is to us a Feast of feasts, and a Solemnity of solemnities . . . today we are celebrating the Resurrection itself, no longer an object of expectation, but as having come to pass, and gathering the whole world to itself.'*

*St Gregory Nazianzen (329-390)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Today, Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and the victory of love over hate, life over death, goodness over evil.

We have gone from the barrenness of Ash Wednesday, when we remembered our sinfulness and mortality, through the rigours and discipline of Lent, to the Hosannas of Palm Sunday and the agony of betrayal in the garden, the death on the Cross and the grief of the tomb.

The journey will have been different for each one of us.

From today until Pentecost, the Easter Candle stand near the front of the Church and is lit. It stands among us as a symbol of Christ's risen presence with his people.

The 'alleluia' which was silenced throughout Lent, returns today with shouts of joyous praise.

In the early centuries of Christianity, Christian initiation only took place at Easter. This was to emphasise that it is through our Baptism that we share new life with Christ.

Today is a day for all of us to renew baptismal vows and to give thanks that we share in Christ's risen life. In this Eucharist we are sacramentally reunited with our risen Lord and we rejoice in the hope and peace that he brought not only to his disciples on that first Easter morning, but to us, his disciples today.



## THE INTROIT

*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.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number:*

*Death's flood hath lost his chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver:*

*G R Woodward 1848-1934  
Melody from David's Psalmen Amsterdam 1685  
Harmony by Charles Wood 1866-1926*

## HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluya!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!  
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluya!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluya!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!

*Lyra Davidica 1708  
Tune: Easter Hymn, Adapted from a melody in Lyra Davidica 1708*

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The celebrant gives an introduction to the Eucharist*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*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.*

*Mass No. 6 in G Major Nicolaimesse, Joseph Haydn*

## THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

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. **Amen.**

ACTS 10. 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118. 14-24

**R: The Lord is my strength and my song. Alleluia!**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation  
sound from the tents of the righteous: **R:**

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up;  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **R:**

I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he has not given me over to death. **R:**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it. **R:**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. **R:**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R:**

## THE GOSPEL READING

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
Therefor let us celebrate the feast.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St 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.

*Mark 16. 1-8*

This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*The Celebrant invites the people to renew their baptismal promises*

Dear friends, Christ is risen and we rose with him on the day we were baptized. Since then, we are called to a new risen life until the day the Lord will raise us up to enter with him into the Father's joy. May the Lord pour the flood of his love on you and may the Holy Spirit gladden your hearts.

So let us renew the promises made at our Baptism affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil**

Let us now proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised  
and in which we live and grow

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen**

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE INTERCESSION

### *At the end of the intercessions*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said: Peace be with you! They were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**And also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HYMN

Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King:  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
Let all mankind rejoice and say:  
Alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory  
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluya!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored.  
Alleluya!

*Cyril Alington 1872-1955*

*Tune: Vulpius (Gelob't Sei Gott) Melody from Vulpius's Gesangbuch Jena 1609*

*Harmony by Henry Ley 1887-1962*

## THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.  
**We take this bread,**  
**we take this wine**  
**to follow Christ's example**  
**and obey his command.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, with Easter joy we offer you the sacrifice  
by which your Church is reborn and nourished,  
through 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 our thanks and praise.**

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,  
you have made us in your own image.  
Always and everywhere we give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his resurrection  
he has restored to us eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we praise your glorious name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

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Blessed are you, almighty God,  
because on the night he was betrayed  
the Lord Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

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;  
when he had given you thanks  
he gave to them and said,

Drink this, all of you;  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this as often as you drink it  
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son  
once for all upon the cross  
and the triumph of his resurrection,  
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts  
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son  
and be filled with his life and goodness.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace  
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## *Silence*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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 is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## *The celebrant breaks the bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in one bread.**

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## *As the celebrant receives Holy Communion, you may like to pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*During Communion the Agnus Dei is sung*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

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POST COMMUNION

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:

**his love is everlasting.**

Living God,  
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 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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HYMN

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 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 conquering 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 conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

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

*Text: Edmond Budry (1854-1932) translated Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)  
Tune: Maccabaeus, George F. Handel (1685-1759)*

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