



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,  
MALVERN**

# **SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF EASTER DAY**



*'Trampling down death by death, Christ rises triumphant from the dead, bringing with him our first parents, Adam and Eve – representing all humanity.'*

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Prelude: Gavotte - Samuel Wesley (1766 – 1837)

*The people stand as a bell is rung*

Deacon: Let us proceed in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry: *Alleluia!*  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
and groaning hell makes wild reply: *Alleluia!*
2. While he, the King, the mighty King,  
despoiling death of all its sting, *Alleluia!*  
And trampling down the powers of night  
brings forth his ransomed saints to light *Alleluia!*
3. His tomb of late the threefold guard  
of watch and stone and seal had barr'd *Alleluia!*  
But now, in pomp and triumph high,  
He comes from death to Victory. *Alleluia!*
4. The pains of hell are loosed at last,  
the days of mourning now are past; *Alleluia!*  
An angel robed in light hath said,  
'The Lord is risen from the dead.' *Alleluia!*
5. That Easter-tide with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light, *Alleluia!*  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'Apostles saw their risen Lord. *Alleluia!*
6. O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide; *Alleluia!*  
From every weapon death can wield  
Thine own for ever shield. *Alleluia!*

Words: Latin text (c. 7<sup>th</sup> century),  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Music: 'Lasst uns Erfreuen', from *Kirchengesänge*, Cologne (1623),  
harm., Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

*We sing together:*

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

Let us pray.

*The people pray silently, and then the Celebrant collects the silent prayer and sings:*

Brightness of God's glory,  
whom death could not conquer, nor the tomb imprison:  
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,  
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;  
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,  
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.  
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,  
as the First and the Last,  
the Living One,  
our immortal Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Acts 10: 34–43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Then Peter began to speak to all those in Cornelius's house:

'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

*The choir leads the singing of the Psalm, and we respond:*

*Response*



1. Give thanks for the Lord is good,  
for God's love endures for ever.  
Let the tribes of Israel say:  
God's love endures for ever. **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed,  
God's right hand raised me up.  
I shall live, I shall not die,  
and recount God's mighty deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

*Chant: Christopher Willcock (1947-)*

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15: 1–11*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth:

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters,  
of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received,  
in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved,  
if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—  
unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance  
what I in turn had received:  
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,  
and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day  
in accordance with the scriptures,  
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.  
Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one  
time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.  
Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.  
Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.  
For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle,  
because I persecuted the church of God.  
But by the grace of God I am what I am,  
and his grace towards me has not been in vain.  
On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—  
though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.  
Whether then it was I or they,  
so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God:  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth up to the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of Resurrection light;  
and listening to his greeting  
may hear, so calm and strong,  
his own 'All hail' and, hearing  
may raise the victors' song.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful  
and earth her song repeat,  
the whole earth shout in triumph  
her living Lord to greet;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end.

Words: St John of Damascus (c. 675–740)  
tr John Mason Neale (1818–66) alt.  
Music: Ellacombe,  
Melody from *Mainz Gesangbuch*, 1833

## Gospel Acclamation

Colin Mawby (1936 – 2019)



Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All:** **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,

the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,  
and we do not know where they have laid him.’

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

The two were running together,

but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.

He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?'

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her,

'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." '

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

'I have seen the Lord';

and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20:1-10*

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Silence is kept.*

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

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

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

*[Today, and throughout the Easter season, we use the greeting: 'Christ is Risen. Alleluia!', to which the response is 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!']*

*During the following hymn, the people's gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing,  
Praise to our victorious King:  
Who hath washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine  
Gives the guests his blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast,  
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Christ, the Lamb, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread!  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty Victim from on high,  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie,  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light;  
Now thy banner thou dost wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave.  
See the prince of darkness quelled;  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.
  
4. Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From sin's death do Thou set free  
Souls reborn, dear Lord, in Thee.  
Hymns of glory, hymns of praise,  
Father, unto Thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.

Words: from a Latin Breviary,  
tr. Robert Campbell (1814–68)  
Music: 'Salzburg', melody J. Hintze (1622–1702),  
harm., J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The President then sings the Thanksgiving 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.**

*The Celebrant continues with a prayer of thanksgiving for God's mighty acts, appropriate to the season, concluding with:*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues the prayer until:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, which concludes:*

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.  
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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*As the Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:*

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

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.  
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The bread that we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.  
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.  
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

*We sing:*

**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.**

Come, let us take this sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Communion is distributed.*

*During Communion, the choir will sing a seasonal anthem.*

Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen,  
Tell it with a cheerful voice.  
Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen,  
Let the whole wide world rejoice,

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Death is conquered, Man is free,  
Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen,  
Christ has won the Victory.

For as in Adam all die,  
Even so in Christ  
Shall all be made alive  
I know that my redeemer liveth,  
The Lord is Risen, the Lord is Risen indeed.

Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen,  
Tell it with a cheerful voice.  
Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen,  
Let the whole wide world rejoice,  
Alleluia. Amen.

Text: Cecil Francis Alexander (1818 — 1895)  
Music: Martin How (1931— 2022)

*After Communion, silence is kept.*

*All stand*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Celebrant:* Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glories to all the world.

Living God,  
**make us apostles of the risen Christ.**  
**Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,**  
**and grace to recognize the Lord Jesus**  
**when he meets us, wherever we are on the road.**

### The Blessing

*The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing:*

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ,  
who sends you as apostles into all the world,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the most holy and glorious Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you now, and forever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **HYMN**

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*  
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*  
who so lately on the cross, *Alleluia!!*  
suffered to redeem our loss, *Alleluia!!*
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia!*  
unto Christ, our heavenly king, *Alleluia!*  
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia!*  
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia!*
3. But the pain that he endured, *Alleluia!*  
our salvation has procured, *Alleluia!*  
now exalted he is King, *Alleluia!*  
and the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!*

*Words: Lyrica Davidica (1708)*  
*Music: 'Easter Hymn',*  
adapted from a melody in *Lyrica Davidica*

## **Postlude**

*March on Lift Up Your Heads* a theme of Handel  
Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**  
**He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

*A joyous and blessed Easter to you all.*

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the land upon which we meet, land which was taken, not ceded.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*