



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF EASTER DAY

*(with The Renewal of Baptismal Vows)*



*'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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*The Setting of the Eucharist: Christ Church Mass, by Philip Matthias*

*The people stand as a bell is rung and remain standing as the choir sings:*

## **Introit**

He is risen. Alleluia!

*Music: Elizabeth-Anne Nixon*

*President:* 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),  
Harmonised, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

*President:* 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, Lord have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.**

**Lord 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 President 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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Then Peter began to speak to all those in Corelius'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.'

*Acts 10: 34–43*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir now leads the singing of the Hymn to the Risen Christ*

Christ our Passover has been /sacrificed /for us:

so let us /cele/brate the /feast,

Not with the old leaven of cor/ruption and /wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sin/ceri/ty and /truth.

Christ once raised from the dead /dies no /more:

death has /no more do/minion /over him.

In dying he died to sin /once for /all:

in /living he /lives to /God.

See yourselves therefore as /dead to /sin:

and alive to God in /Jesus /Christ our /Lord.

Christ has been /raised . from the /dead:

the /first fruits of /those who /sleep.

For as by /one man came /death:

by another has come also resur/rection /of the /dead;

for as in /Adam all /die:

even so in Christ shall /all be /made a/live.

*Chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)*

## **Second reading**

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.

*1 Corinthians 15: 1–11*

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**

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

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: 1-18*

For the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Sermon*

*Silence is kept*

## **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*All stand.*

*The Paschal candle is carried in procession to the font.*

*As it passes each pew, people light candles, and turn towards the font.*

*During the procession, we sing:*

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
*Alleluia!*
2. We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him in Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
*Alleluia!*
3. A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing  
*Alleluia!*

Words: John Bronlow Geyer (b. 1932)  
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

*When all is in readiness, the President says:*

Dear friends, in baptism, through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life.

Now that we have completed the observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made in our baptism, when we rejected the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully as members of his holy catholic Church.

*Water is poured into the font and the President says*

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the gift of water.  
Your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning of creation.  
Through water you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt  
into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the water of baptism,  
in which we are buried with Christ in his death  
that we may share in his resurrection,  
and through which we are renewed by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we make disciples of all nations and baptise them in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*All say together:*

**Springs of water, bless the Lord.  
Give glory and praise to our God,  
who lives and reigns for ever!**

*The President continues:*

And now I invite you to renew the vows made at your baptism:

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed our human race?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled with baptismal water, as a physical reminder of their baptism.*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all those who have been baptised 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.  
**Amen.**

*Remembering we are baptised into Christ's death that we may be raised with him and live as one Body, the liturgy continues:*

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.**

*The members of the congregation greet one another.*

*[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 Paschal Candle returns to the sanctuary, 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),  
harmonized, 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 President 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 President continues the prayer until the deacon says:*

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

*The President 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.**

*A brief 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 President 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.  
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

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:*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your 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 sings:*

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:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,*

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

*Had Christ, that once was slain,*

Words: G. R. Woodward (1848–1934)

Music: 'This Joyful Eastertide',

Melody from *David's Psalmen* (Amsterdam, 1685)

harm. by Charles Wood (1866–1926)

He is risen!  
Tell it with a joyful voice;  
He hath burst his three days' prison:  
Let the whole wide world rejoice.  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,  
With glad smile and radiant brow,  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
All his woes are over now,  
And the Passion that he bore:  
Sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,  
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming  
Yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple East,  
Brighter far our Easter feast.

Words: Mrs C. F. Alexander (1823–95)  
Music: Cecil Cope (1909–2003)

*After Communion, silence is kept.*

*All stand*

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*President:* 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 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,  
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*, (1708)

## Postlude

*Christ lag in todesbanden*  
J.S. Bach (1685–1750) BWV 625

**CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!**  
**HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!**

*A joyous and blessed Easter to you all.*

Our celebration of this great day concludes this evening with:

5:00 pm **Solemn Evening Prayer of Easter and Sermon**  
*according to the rite of the Book of Common Prayer*