

Easter Service 4

The gathering of the people

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

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

**Father of Glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

SILENCE

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have
done.**

**We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died
for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal
life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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.**

Collect

Let us pray
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels help us to adore him
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

THE GOSPEL

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint
John
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel the Minister says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one
Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and
was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and
thank God for his goodness.

The Lord is our shepherd therefore we lack
nothing.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised
through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we
pray in faith.

We pray for your Church today many gathering electronically throughout the world to hear your holy word and to meet you in the Blessed body and blood of your dear son. In particular we pray for Cherry our Bishop and for all priests and people here in this diocese.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the leaders of the world, for our NHS staff and all those making decisions concerning our future.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We pray for peace in the world particularly in the Yemen and for all those suffering the effects of CV19, for those persecuted for their faith and for all refugees.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Let us bring before God all those who are in sickness in body, mind or spirit. Praying particularly for those with CV19, for those who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Of your charity pray for the souls of all the faithful departed. We pray at this time especially for those who have died from CV19 and those who have

recently departed this life in our parishes. We pray also for all those whose years' mind falls at this time.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We pray for ourselves that we may face the challenges of the coming week and we pray for all in isolation from family and friends.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your only begotten son, St Phillip, St James and all your saints.

The prayer ends with:

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

The Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks, Holy Father,
All-powerful and ever living God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in his victory over death a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and we are once again made whole.

And so with the hosts of angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven

we proclaim the glory of your name

And join in their unending hymn of praise:

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.

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, Giver of life.

You formed us in your own image; but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.

We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life; you gave him up to death that the world might be saved, and you raised him from the dead that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us, that they may be for us the body and blood +
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread and when he had given 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 when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Drink this, all of you,
For this is my blood of the new covenant
Which is shed for you and for many
For the forgiveness of sins:
Do this in remembrance of me.

[Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:]
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.

Proclaiming his victorious death,
rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

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 communion

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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your
peace.**

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

Giving of Communion

The sending out
Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

**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
risen Lord. Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 among 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

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.