

St George's Anglican Church
26 April 2020 | 3rd Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn Alleluia, sing to Jesus! AMNS 262



Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

**Alleluia! bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic feast.**

In the name of our loving, liberating and life-giving God:
+ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

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

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Kyrie Confessions

Risen Master and Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief:
Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his + pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **All** **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ³⁶'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

(Acts 2.14a,36-4)

Responsorial Psalm 116 (Verses 12 - 19)



**How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.**

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

A Reading from the Gospel according to St Luke

¹³On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Lk 24.13– 35)

Sermon | The Revd Canon Christopher Jage-Bowler

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said:
Peace be with you.

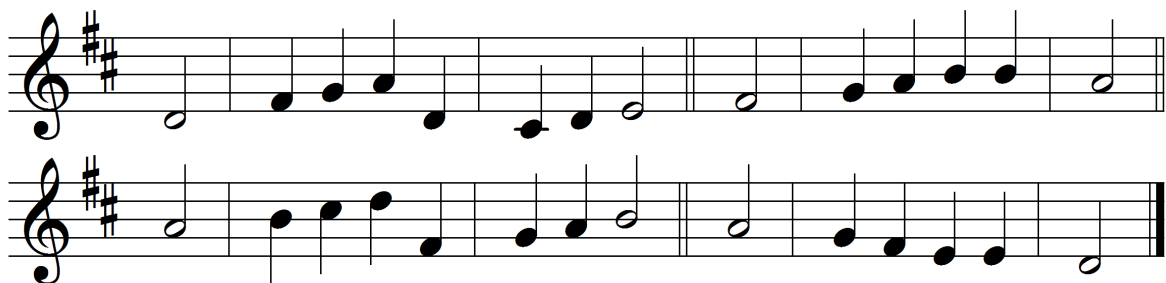
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All *And also with you.*

Hymn O for a closer walk with God AMNS 231



O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

Prayer at Preparation of the Table

**Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you
as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (A)

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere

to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father,

and in these days of Easter

to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory

of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion,

Jesus Christ, your risen Son,

has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in men and women

the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise

and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,

earth and heaven resound with gladness,

while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the
hymn of your glory.

***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.***

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of + bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you 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 gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom;
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son,
our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All *Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of this world.

All *Lord, unite us in this sign.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Act of Spiritual Reception

**In union, dear Father,
with Christian people throughout the world
and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist,
hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood,
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.
Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven
and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the
baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.
Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be
filled with your presence.**

Post Communion

Let us pray

Living God
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with new life:

And the blessing of God almighty
+ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn Love's redeeming work is done AMNS 83



**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!**

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