

St George's Anglican Church Berlin

Easter Sunday Eucharist 2020

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

Greeting

Welcome to St George's Anglican Church this Easter Sunday.
My colleagues and I wish you, your families and friends
a blessed and joyful Easter Day, especially during this very challenging
times.

We celebrate the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.
Throughout the world Christians praise the awesome power of God.
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share his victory
over anxiety, pain and even death; and live with him for ever.

Christ yesterday and today
the beginning and the end,
the Alpha and the Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages,
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Exsultet (The Easter Song of Praise) sung by Andrew Sims

Collect

Let us pray.

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way of life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Moses Olalekan)

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' (10. 34 – 43)

Organ Interlude by Scott Clemons

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to St Matthew.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.' (28. 1 – 10)

Sermon by The Revd Canon Christopher Jage-Bowler

Solo in Urdu by Sagar Gill

Renewal of the Baptismal Vows and The Apostles' Creed

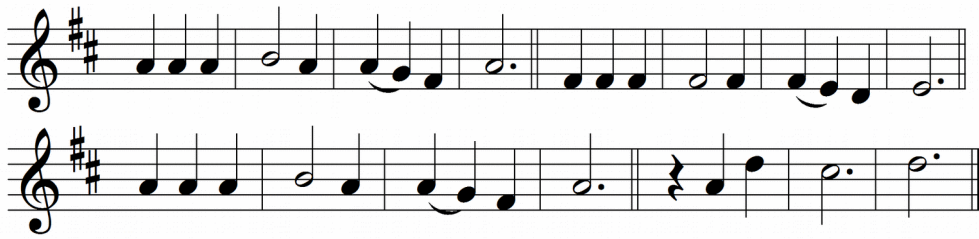
Dear friends, in our baptism God called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Let us therefore renew our baptismal vows as we declare our faith in God:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and buried;
he was descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession (Christiane Alpers)

The Peace

And the peace of the risen Master and Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.
Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.
On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia.
Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee:
Alleluia.

Prayer at Preparation of the Table

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
author of all being.

Your power sustains,
your love restores our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work
from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.
Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope.

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power
to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,

we offer you our praise,

with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending 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.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,

for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

From the garden the truth shone clear
that he whom they had loved and lost

was with them now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.
On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you.”
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them, saying:
“Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the body and blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ’s body,
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The living bread is broken for the life of this world.
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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

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

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Lamb of God,
you take away the sins 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.

Let us pray.

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
has delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so 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 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.
Amen.

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

Organ Postlude by Scott Clemons