



St Gall's Church
A Service of Holy Communion for Easter Day

Welcome & Greeting

Reader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Response: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Reader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Response: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter v 3

Opening Hymn : 263 (verses 1,3,4,6) Crown Him with many crowns

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.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 37-39

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Silence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The presiding minister pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

The Collect for Easter Day

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death

and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle is written in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10.
Reading verses 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 93 ; Lord of the Dance

Hear the Gospel of Christ written in the Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter. Reading verses 1-18

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon: Canon Michael Parker

The Nicene Creed

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,

was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of 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

Reader: Jesus, Risen Lord,

Response: Open to us the gate of glory.

We close our prayers as we say together:

Help us to share in Christ's ministry of love and service to one another; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit is one with you for ever. Amen.

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. John 20 :19,20

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

Congregation: and also with you.

The Celebration of the Sacrament

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven. Amen.

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us **therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.

When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death,

he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you & for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life;

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now;

may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, 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.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The presiding minister breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Post-Communion Prayer on Easter Day

Living God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Rejoice, for Christ is risen, he seeks us to rise with Him. In him is our hope, in life, in death and in all eternity. Today the risen Lord comes to us with his gift of peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: 288 Thine be the Glory

Prayer of Dismissal

Rector: Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Church Notices

Please note that our Annual Easter Vestry will be held just after the morning service on Sunday 18th April. If you can attend that would be super! If you would like to offer to stand for the Select Vestry or have any queries please contact the Hon Sec Mr William Tennis 91466950.