



*A Mass for All Ages
on Easter Day*

The Gathering Hymn

*Please join in with the words in **Bold** type
We stand when the bell rings and the ministers enter.*

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

Priest The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Priest Let us proceed in peace. Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

The procession stops at the Easter Garden and the priest asks for God's blessing upon it. The procession continues around the church and into the sanctuary.

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!**

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***Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.***

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the king of creation. Alleluia...**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia...**

**We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever. Alleluia...**

**God has proclaimed the just reward:  
'Life for us all, alleluia!' Alleluia...**

**Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour. Alleluia...**

*Priest*      Let us praise God's glory!

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with him in triumph seated—  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

*The Collect, the special prayer for the day, is prayed, and we respond: **Amen.***

## The Bible Readings

The First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.  
**All**          **Thanks be to God.**

*As the procession moves to the centre of the church, please stand and turn to face the Gospel Book.*

Priest      The Lord be with you.  
**All**          **And also with you.**

Priest      Hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**All**          **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 20.1-18 is read.*

*After the Gospel:*

Priest      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All**          **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

*The preacher shares a word about the Gospel reading.*

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*All the baptised who are present renew their vows. The priest says:*

Priest      As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the Paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.  
Therefore I ask:

Priest      Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**All**          **I reject them.**

Priest      Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**All**          **I renounce them.**

*Priest* Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All** **I repent of them.**

*Priest* Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All** **I turn to Christ.**

*Priest* Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All** **I submit to Christ.**

*Priest* Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All** **I come to Christ.**

*We move to the font. Please do gather round.*

*Priest* Brothers and sister, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All** **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 was buried;  
he 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.**

*Priest* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All** **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.**

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

**All**            **Amen.**

*The altar party returns to the sanctuary*

## **The Prayers**

*We kneel or sit for the Intercessions. The prayers finish with the following,*

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

## **The Peace**

*The priest introduces the Peace.*

*Priest*      Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**All**            **And also with you. Alleluia.**

*We share a sign of peace: a handshake and the words 'Peace be with you'.  
During the next hymn bread and wine are prepared on the altar and a collection is  
taken.*

**The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful!  
And earth her song begin!  
The round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.**

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Priest*      The Lord be with you  
**All**          and also with you.

*Priest*      Lift up your hearts.  
**All**          **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All**          **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for sending Jesus, with a prayer which concludes:*

**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!**



*Priest* Great is the mystery of faith.  
**All** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The priest prays the prayer of consecration ('making holy' the bread and wine), finishing with the Lord's Prayer*

**All** **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.**

*She breaks the bread, saying*

*Priest* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

**All** **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*If you normally receive **Holy Communion** in your own church, you are welcome to do so here. If you do not wish to receive, please come forward for a blessing. Please join with the following song during communion.*

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

**In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Thinking that never he would wake again  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Thy touch can call us back to life again;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

*After communion a prayer of thanksgiving is offered.*

## **The Dismissal**

*We stand for the blessing*

*Priest*        The Lord be with you.  
**All**           **And also with you.**

*The priest gives God's blessing, to which we respond: **Amen.***

*Priest*        With the risen life of Christ within you,  
                  go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**All**           **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*The altar party assembles in front of the altar. We unite ourselves with the joy of Jesus' Mother on this day of resurrection.*

**Joy to thee O Queen of heaven, alleluia!  
He who thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!  
As he promised, has arisen, alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

*Priest*        Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
**All**            **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*The priest sings the collect, to which we respond: **Amen.***

*Please remain standing for the final hymn as the altar party leaves.*

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

**Chorus**

***Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. Chorus.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Chorus.**

*Please join us after the service for refreshments at the back of church.*