



Sunday 26th April 2020
A Service of Holy Communion

Prayer of Preparation

The Gathering

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

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in him shall never die.
Alleluia!

Praise God! For the Lord our God the almighty reigns!
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory. Alleluia!

Hymn (led by Rod and Louise McPhee)

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 God 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 of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*St John of Damascus
transl. J M Neale*

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria (Sung by the Dent household)

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God
in the highest,
Peace to his people, Peace to his people, Peace
to his people on earth.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God
in the highest,**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God
in the highest,**

**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;**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God
in the highest,**

**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, glory of God, Glory of God the
Father.
Amen.**

The 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.

Amen

Gospel Reading (read by David Lock)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24: 13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then 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?' ¹⁹ He 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and 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. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They 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?'

³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection- Rev'd Tim Kelly

Intercessions- lead by Ian and Ros Merryweather

Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer

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

The Peace

The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be with you
All And also with you

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your
dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper
with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of
wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup
of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the
earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in
Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving
Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

All We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one
body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

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

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if
we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving
thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified,
we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of
our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive
the sacrament physically in ourselves.*

*The Church of which we are members is not
defined by the walls of a building but by the Body
of Christ of which we are members. In making our
communion spiritually, we are joining with
Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one
who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all
the benefits you have given me, for all the
pains and insults you have borne for me. Since
I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask
you to come spiritually into my heart. O most
merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I
know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

O God, help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate
me from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with 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.**

Hymn (*led by Rod and Louise McPhee*)

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendour, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent:
Death is defeated, and Easter is bright.
Angels announce, 'Jesus is risen!'
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Walking the way, Christ walking with us,
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking the bread, showing his glory;
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

H. Brokering

The Dismissal

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.

All

We are raised to new life with Christ
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

All