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# Sung Eucharist of the Resurrection



*Easter Day*



St Stephen's Westminster



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*The church is darkened, and the West Door opened*

*Please remain in your seats, as the liturgy of the New Fire is broadcast into the church.*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate 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 death and live with him for ever.

### **The Lighting of the New Fire**

*Outside the church, accompanied by prayers:*

- *the Paschal Candle is signed with the cross;*
- *grains of incense, marking the wounds of Christ, are inserted;*
- *the Candle is lighted from the new fire.*

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen.**

*The president lights the Paschal Candle, saying*

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

**Amen.**

*The Deacon carrying the Candle raises it and sings*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*At the entrance to the church*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*At the Font:*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Exsultet** (*Easter Song of Praise*)

*Sung by the Deacon, during which we respond:*

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.**

## The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

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

**I come to Christ.**

## Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*The congregation is sprinkled with water to remind us of our Baptism*

## **The First Eucharist of Easter**

*President:* Jesus Christ is risen

*Deacon:* He is risen indeed.

*President:* Jesus Christ is risen

*Deacon/sidespeople:* He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*President:* Jesus Christ is risen

*All:* **He is risen indeed,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Hymn**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour,  
glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

***The Liturgy of the Word***

**Scripture Reading: Acts 10.34-43**

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.'

*At the end the reader says*

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

## **Gradual Hymn**

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 16.1-8**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*At the end the reader says*

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

***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

*All stand*

### **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 risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**

*A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn*

## Offertory Hymn

### 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.**

### Sanctus and Benedictus

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper and this acclamation is used*

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

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology to which all respond*

**Amen.**

*All kneel*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

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

## **Distribution of Communion**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The president and people receive communion – please stay in your seats.*

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then receives.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life, who for our redemption  
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 to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Loving God,  
whether we are in your church or joining online from another  
place, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and  
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's  
Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed,**

**and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

## **The Notices**

### **The Blessing of the Easter Garden**

**Hymn**

**Thine be the Glory**

### **Easter Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### ***The Dismissal***

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Organ Voluntary**