



St Stephen with St John
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Sung Eucharist of the Resurrection & Baptism of Albert Baker



Easter Day

The church is darkened, and the West Door opened

The congregation are invited to gather around the New Fire

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 minister carrying the Candle raises it and sings:

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

All light their candles from the Paschal Candle, then follow it into the church.

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*)

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.

Together we sing the Exsultet:

**Exult and sing! O shining angel choirs!
Exult and dance, bright stars and blazing suns!
The first born of creation, Jesus Christ,
is ris'n in radiant splendour from the dead.**

**Arise then, sleepers, Christ enlightens you!
Arise from doubt and sadness, sin and death!
With joyful hearts and spirits set aflame,
draw near to sing this Easter Candle's praise!**

**We lift our hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
We praise you, God, for all your works of light!
We bless you for that burst of fire and flame
through which you first created all that is.**

**This is the day, most blessed of all days.
You led your people through the foaming sea,
in love you led them with a cloud by day
and as a flaming shaft of fire by night.**

**O day that gave us back what we had lost!
O day that made our sin a happy fault!**

**Beyond our deepest dreams this day, O God
your hand reached out to raise us up in Christ!**

**May Jesus Christ our Saviour find us all
united in one faith, one hope, one Lord.
May all who see this candle's radiant light
be led to know your nature and your name.**

**For you alone are God, living and true:
all glory, praise and pow'r belong to you
with Jesus Christ, the One who conquered death
and with the Spirit blest for evermore.
Amen.**

Lord, bless this water
in the name of the Father who created us,
the Son who died and rose again for us,
and the Holy Spirit who comforts us,
Amen.

Presentation of the Candidate

The minister addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding
to our number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome Albert and uphold him in his new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

The minister then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Albert with joy.
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into
the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Albert begins his journey in faith.
You speak for him today.
Will you care for him, and help him to take their place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The minister addresses the parents, godparents and candidate for baptism

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.

Signing with the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Albert, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

The minister may invite the parents and godparents to sign Albert with the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

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

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 Baptism

The minister pours water on Albert, saying

Albert, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The minister then prays

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance
of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Albert, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The congregation is sprinkled with water to remind us of our Baptism as the choir sings:

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple,
Alleluia.

It brought God's life, and his salvation,
and the people sang in joyful praise:
Alleluia, alleluia.

The First Eucharist of Easter

President: Jesus Christ is risen
Clergy/servers: He is risen indeed.

President: Jesus Christ is risen
Clergy/choir: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

President: Jesus Christ is risen
All: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

All return to their pews

Hymn

NEH 110

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, 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 heavenly 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!**

Remain standing to sing **The Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
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Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever!
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Alleluia, Amen!
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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

At the end the reader says:

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

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!
Let 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 hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Stand for The Gospel Acclamation

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.

At the end the reader says:

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

Sermon

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand for 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!

Hymn

NEH 115

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

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.

Sit or kneel. Silence is kept

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.**

All sing the **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion

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

All those who usually receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring your order of service with you.

Communion Anthem: *This joyful Eastertide*

Rosemary Field

Prayer after Communion

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.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
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.**

The Notices

Blessing of the Easter Garden and Easter Egg hunt

Hymn

**We have a King who rides a donkey.
We have a King who rides a donkey.
We have a King who rides a donkey
and His name is Jesus.**

*Jesus the King is Risen!
Jesus the King is Risen!
Jesus the King is Risen,
early in the morning!*

**Trees are waving a royal welcome.
Trees are waving a royal welcome.
Trees are waving a royal welcome
for the King called Jesus.**

**We have a King who cares for people.
We have a King who cares for people.
We have a King who cares for people
and His name is Jesus.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Receive this light.

When Albert has received a candle, the minister says

God has delivered us
from the dominion of darkness and
has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Final 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.
All **Amen.**

Hymn

NEH120

**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.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory 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.
*Thine be the glory...***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought 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.
*Thine be the glory...***

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: Alleluyas

Simon Preston

Intercessions

In our parish cycle of prayer: London Diocesan House, Causton Street, and Fairley House School

For those who live and work in: Bennet's Yard and Marsham Street

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:

staff and students in the Bible colleges, and for St Mark's Community in the Tongoo Diocese.

We pray for our New York City link parish:

The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for our fellowship, hospitality and care for one another as we share in the mission of Christ

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan: Ezekiel Kondo (Archbishop, and Bishop of Khartoum)

Aalborg (Denmark): Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen (Bishop)

Capital Vision Confident Disciples: we pray for those working in finance

Pray for the work of Sara Black, Area Administrator, and all other Stepney Area staff and advisers

Among those who have asked for our prayers:

Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Henry Taylor; Gay Widmer; Marian McHale; Amal Griffin; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Tony Reid; Mark O'Donnell; Michael Cross; Baby Alexander; Bishop James; Bishop Joel; Sebastian Carley; Sr Theresa Pountney; Sally Baird; June Woodhead; Fergus Anderson; Sue Alexander; Betty Percival; Rosemary Hatlane; Christopher Browne; Sandra Jones; Deborah Johnson; Baby Edward Barker; Brian Warnke; Sandra Lake; Charlie Meader; John Arthur

Recently died: Anselma Boel

For the Years' Mind of: Eileen Connelly; Pansy Gush; Marion; Ronald Burgess; Joan Bewell; Reginald John Bull

Notices

Please note that the church will be open for services only next week (April 11th -14th).

Electoral Roll: We have started the annual revision of the Electoral Roll. If you are not yet on our Electoral Roll and would like to be, or if you have details to update, please do take one of the forms available at the back of church and return to one of the clergy or directly to the Parish Office. Please note that we are only able to accept signed copies.

Friday 21st April 6:45 – we will be hosting a recital marking the birthday of Angela Burdett-Coutts by Matthew Blaiden, our director of music. Admission free, with a retiring collection in aid of St Stephen's Music Fund. All welcome

Saturday 22nd April at 10am, the bellringers will be ringing a full peal to mark Angela Burdett-Coutts birthday.

Next book club will be on Sunday 23rd April after church, and this time we are reading 'Wise Blood' by Flannery O'Connor, and / or anything by Agatha Christie.

King Coronation will be happening on May 6th and a live screening is planned for the church. Times and details to be announced closer to the time but we do hope you will join us.



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by Matthew Blaiden
Director of Music at St Stephen's



A noted philanthropist, Angela Burdett-Coutts drove the foundation of our church, parish, and associated school in the 1840s, and is buried in nearby Westminster Abbey. In this recital, St Stephen's Director of Music Matthew Blaiden plays a varied programme of organ music to mark her birthday on 21st April.

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