



All-Age Communion for Easter Sunday 10.00am, Sunday 31st March 2024

Welcome!

Hymn 267 Jesus Christ is risen today

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus is risen and all that is wrong
can be made right. Loving God,
you asked for faith and trust;
we demanded proof and certainty.
Forgive our lack of trust in you.
Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

Loving God, your love was stronger than death.
Forgive us when we are unloving.
Christ, have mercy **Christ, have mercy**

Loving God, you sent us into the world
with a message of hope. Forgive us
when we forget to share that message.
Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

(God's forgiveness is declared)

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading *Isaiah 25.6-9*

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 355 Now the green blade riseth

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord. *John 20.11-18*

Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

Jesus, you have raised us to new life

In your love, hear our prayer

at the end

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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. **Alleluia!**

Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another
an appropriate sign of peace.

Hymn 532 We have a Gospel to proclaim

A Simple Blessing of the Bread and Wine:

God's Holy Spirit is truly with us,
lifting up our hearts to our Loving Father,
through the Risen Jesus. Alleluia, alleluia,
Christ gives new life through his risen power.
New life in our world, in our community, in our
church, in our hearts and lives. On the night he
was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he 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. At the end of
supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you
thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant, which is shed for
you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our Risen Lord,
Who with you and your Holy Spirit
Be praise and glory, now and forever. Amen!**

**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.**

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.**

(Invitation to Communion)

After Communion,

we say this prayer together:

**May the Father shower his love upon us.
May the Son strengthen us in our faith.
May the Spirit breathe God's life afresh in us
and bring peace to creation. Alleluia, Amen!**

Celebrations and Notices

Hymn 503 Thine be the glory

The Blessing

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!