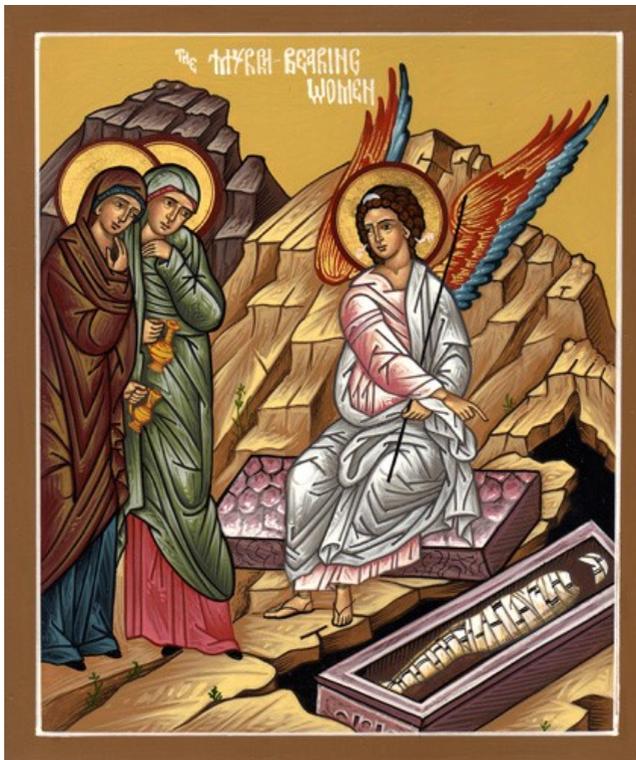


Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection Eucharist

during COVID-19 -
12th April 2020



Music before the Service from: *Short Piece in D Major* by **Samuel Wesley** played by a St Thomas' Organist.

Join our Choir in singing the **First Hymn** and the Altar may be censed.

Thanks to: Sian, Roger (voices only) Sue, Caroline, Fade, Keith Andrew & Declan



JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY; Hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah!

Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah!

Suffer to redeem our loss; Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah!

Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah!

Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah!

Sinners to redeem and save; Hallelujah!

But the pains which He endured; Hallelujah!

Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah!

Now in heaven above He's King; Hallelujah!

Where the angels ever sing; Hallelujah!

Words and Music by Lyra Davidica 1708

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Greeting *The priest greets the people*

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

The Blessing of Easter Gardens

If possible please to your device to your Easter Garden for the Prayers of Blessing. A reader says:

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

Matthew 28.5, 6

The priest says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing,

✠ may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Various actions may be performed: for example, a stone may be rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, a light in the tomb may be lit; or figures may be placed inside the empty tomb. If possible please choose something to do.

The priest says:

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,

so may we meet you today and every day:

speak to us as you spoke to her;

reveal yourself as the living Lord;

and send us to share the good news with others.

All Amen.

The Confession

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God, who through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, destroyed the old order of sin and death,

✠ forgive you your sins and renew you by the power of the Spirit.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *to tune of Cym Rhondda*

Glory be to God in heaven,

Songs of joy and peace we bring;

Thankful hearts and songs of raising

To creation's Lord we sing.

Lord we thank you:

Lord we bless you:

Glory be to God our king.

Lamb of God who on your shoulders

Bore the load off this world's sin:

Only son of God the Father

You have brought peace within.

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Now your glorious reign begin.

You O Son of God are holy,

You we praise with one accord:

None in heaven or earth is like you,

Only you are Christ the Lord:

With the Father

And the Spirit

Ever worshipped and adored.

The Collect *The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading *Please get someone in your house to read:*

Acts of the Apostles chapter 10 verses 34a and 37 to 43.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak:³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

The Gradual Hymn

The Gospel Reading

All Alleluia, 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.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (20.1-9).

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed All say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *bow*
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *after each petition the following response is said:*

Lord in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

All and also with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Offertory Hymn

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.
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;
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above.

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. *All Amen.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks, and praise,

because you raised Jesus gloriously from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,

and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,

and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore heaven and earth rejoice with angels and archangels, saying:

All 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

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. ✠

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you
for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all
who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, virgin Mother of God,
St Thomas the Apostle and our patron, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Risen Saviour has taught us

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.

Breaking of the Bread *The priest breaks the consecrated bread, and says:*

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.

The Agnus Dei is said.

All 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.

✠ Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

During holy communion the Air in D Major by Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801) is played by a St Thomas' Organist.

Prayer after Communion for the day is said.

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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 with you and remain with you always. *All* Amen.

The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*Closing Organ Voluntary from Ian Tracey who gave our opening Organ
Recital after its restoration. Widor Symphony No 5 Fm Toccata 1994*

This Year's Easter Gardens from our Sunday School



