



Easter Sunday Celebration



**St Mary's Kidlington
31st March 2024**

Easter Day and Every Day

Thank you for being part of our Easter celebrations.

*Today is the most important day of the year!
Today is the celebration of the victory
of life over death,
goodness over evil
hope over despair.*

*As this year we face conflict, injustice, the abuse of power,
oppression, and the destruction of our planet,
our world needs this message more than ever.*

*Christian joy is not shallow happiness or feeling good;
it is the assurance of this victory
and deep trust in God that this Easter life
permeates the whole of our lives—
whether we feel good or not.*

*Easter is not just today, but every day.
resurrection is for all of us
and is all around us
today and every day.
Let us celebrate with joyful hearts and minds!*

*You and your family are most welcome today and every day.
Throughout the service the rubrics on sitting, standing etc are
invitations and not instructions; Please adopt the posture that
you find most helpful.*

*Children are equally part of our celebrations and we do not
worry if they need to stretch their legs or their lungs.
Children's activities will run at the back of church, but children
are free to choose wherever they want to be.*

Choir Introit: *This Joyful Eastertide—Wood*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Hymn 77 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, 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 that he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Welcome and Gathering Prayer:

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord
Amen.**



Penitence and Absolution:

Today and every day

Christ is raised

Life is transformed

We are raised

Today and every day

Today and every day

We make mistakes

We hurt each other

We fail to be the people God calls us to be

Today and every Day

Today and every day

The God of love and power

Forgives you and frees you from your sins,

Heals and strengthens you by his Spirit,

And raises you to new life in Christ our Lord

Today and every day

Amen. Alleluia!

The Gloria:

Tune: Woodlands

Glory to God! We give you thanks and praise;

Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.

We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,

Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,

You bore for us the load of this world's sin.

O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,

Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,

At God's right hand in majesty most high;

Who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:

With all the heavenly hosts we glorify.

The Collect:

**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 Christ Jesus,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the holy spirit
be all praise and honour, glory and might,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Please sit

New Testament Reading *Acts 10:34-43*

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us 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 whom God appointed 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."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Hymn AMNS 80

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.



Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
That we, with our hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour, who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

(Christopher Wordsworth 1807-85)

The Gospel - *Mark 16. 1-8*

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

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise be to you O Christ

Easter Reflections: The Rev'd Canon Felicity Scroggie

Profession of Faith:

Brothers and sisters, on this great day of resurrection

I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting Amen.**

The Intercessions:

The Peace:

The risen Christ stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you!'
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
And also with you.



Let us offer each other an Easter sign of peace:

'The Lord is risen' and the answer,
'He is risen indeed'

Hymn 428 Thine Be The Glory

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: *Refrain*
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: *Refrain*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Eucharistic prayer continues,
during which we sing:*

**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!**

And we say:

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

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.**

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.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving. **Amen**

The Distribution of Communion

Around Christ's table, everyone is welcome.

If it is your custom to receive communion in any Christian church you are welcome to receive it this morning, but if you would prefer to receive a blessing please do feel free to come forward and keep your head bowed.

Christians pray for each other. Every week our prayer team is available to pray with you simply and privately about anything that is on your mind, or indeed for another person about whom you care. If you would like them to pray with / for you please go to the Lady Chapel after receiving communion and if there is a queue just sit quietly on the chairs provided

The body and blood of Christ, **Amen**

*During communion the choir will sing the anthem:
Sing Unto the Lord a New Song - Hewett*

After communion:

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
We who drink his cup bring life to others;
We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Blessing:

Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future
fill you with his new life, and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you
this joyful Eastertide and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

From the very depths of darkness
springs a bright and living light;
out of falsehood and deceit a greater truth is brought to sight;
in the halls of death defiant, life is dancing with delight!
The Lord is risen indeed!

*Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah!
Christ is risen! Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed!*

In the light of resurrection Jesus calls us all by name,
Do not cling to what is past for things can never be the same;
To the trembling and the fearful we've a gospel to proclaim,
"The Lord is risen indeed!"

In the heartlands of oppression, sound the cry of liberty,
Where the poor are crucified, behold the Lord of Calvary!
From the fear of death and dying,
Christ has set his people free!
The Lord is risen indeed!

To the tyrant tell the gospel of a love he's never known
in his guarded palace tomb, condemned to live and lie alone;
'Take the risk of love and freedom;
Christ has rolled away the stone!
The Lord is risen indeed!'

When our spirits are entombed in mortal prejudice and pride;
when the gates of hell itself are firmly bolted from inside;
at the bidding of his Spirit, we may fling them open wide;
The Lord is risen indeed!

Go in the light and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God

Organ Voluntary:
Fantasia in G major BWV 572 - Bach



**A very Happy and Blessed Easter to you
from all the team in Kidlington and
Hampton Poyle.**

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**This is your church. We are open every day,
and everyone is welcome all through the
year, for services, baptisms, weddings, and
funerals or just for a chat.**