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RISEN

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter 2**

**Holy Communion**

**St Mary's Kidlington**

*Throughout the service the rubrics on sitting, standing etc are invitations and not instructions; Please adopt a 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.*

## Welcome

Grace, mercy, and peace,  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*You are invited to stand*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**



Hymn AMNS 85 - Good Christians all



Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Lord of life is ris'n today;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let ev'ry tongue rejoice and say:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

We praise in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Cyril Alington, 1872-1955

### Gathering Prayer

Loving God, we have come together to worship you.

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



### Penitence and Absolution

*There is nothing we have done that is so awful that God cannot forgive us if we are truly sorry.*

*We are also told to forgive those who ask for our forgiveness..*

*The priest declares God's promise of forgiveness*

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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**

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!**



*You are invited to stand*

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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## New Testament Reading Acts 2.14a, 22–32



Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem:

<sup>22</sup>You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,  
“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

<sup>29</sup> ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*You are invited to stand*

*During the hymn the Gospel may be carried reverently to the centre of the congregation: God’s word is to be at the heart of our community*

Hymn AMNS 501 - Now the green blade riseth



Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in 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 awake 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.

*J. M. C. Crum (1872-1958)*

*You are invited to remain standing*

The Gospel *John 20.19-31*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**



Hear the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord**



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

*Please sit*

Reflection



*You are invited to stand*

### Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, in this joyful Easter season  
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.**

*Please sit or kneel*

## The Intercessions

*The response each time may be:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayer**



*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*You are invited to stand*

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 a sign of peace:

*At the offertory we offer the eucharistic gifts - bread and wine - for God to transform and bless. As these material gifts are carried through the people to the altar, we also offer ourselves, for God to take, bless, and use for his work in our daily lives.*

*We do not pass around a collection plate but you are warmly invited to contribute to the costs of ministry in this church by using the card reader at the entrance or through a cash donation in the collection plate beside it as you arrive or leave. You can also donate through our website.*

### Offertory Hymn AMNS 262 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus



Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

### The Liturgy of the Eucharist/Holy Communion

*The altar is God's table. God is the host and we are his guests.*

*The nourishment we are offered is Jesus himself.*

*At the centre of our faith is a person—Jesus.*

*At the centre of our worship is a meal—the Eucharist.*

*Our healing is around this table, together.*



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**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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!**



*You are invited to sit*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he 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 and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

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

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**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

**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.**

*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. You may wish to receive the bread (wafer) and wine together by priest's intinction, or separately by eating the wafer first, then taking a sip of wine from the common cup:*

*A prayer team is available to pray with you simply and privately about anything that is on your mind.*

*If you would like them to pray with / for you please go to the Lady Chapel - if there is a queue just sit quietly on the chairs provided*

## After communion

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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**

## Notices

## The Blessing

Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future  
fill you with his mercy,  
his joy, his love,  
and his new life,  
and the blessing of God Almighty –  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit –  
be with you now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*You are invited to stand*

## Hymn AMNS 214 - Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.



Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

*The service ends with us being sent out into the world. Christian life and faith does not start and stop at the church door: the way we choose to live can make the world a better (or worse!) place...*

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**



Go in the light and peace of Christ

**Thanks be to God**

### *Organ Voluntary*



Please stay for tea / coffee. If you are visiting us please come and say hello and let us have your contact details. We would love to get to know you. This is your church. The building is open every day, and everyone is welcome all through the year, for services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or just for a chat.

## Prayer Ministry Team

If you would like someone to pray personally and simply with you, for yourself or a loved one, please go to the Lady Chapel after the service. Two members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be ready to listen and pray (name-badges on blue lanyards).

If someone is already being prayed with, please wait outside the Lady Chapel on the seating provided and you will be attended to as soon as possible.

You are also welcome to ask other members of the Prayer Ministry Team to pray with you.

Please note: The usual rules of confidentiality apply.

## Safeguarding

If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by abuse or has concerns, please speak to the Safeguarding Officer for our parish, Yo Davies 07865 664451; [safeguarding@kidhp.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kidhp.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team 01865 208295; [safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org)

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