

The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# Easter Day



*The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree, alleluia.*

## The Parish Mass of the Resurrection

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

10.15 am

# Welcome to St Matthew's Parish Church

At Easter, Christians celebrate the greatest event the world has ever known - the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead to new and everlasting life. It is the climax of our Paschal journey, a time when the barrier between heaven and earth is brought down and all creation is reconciled to God.

As in ancient times, today we renew our baptismal vows and receive the Risen Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

In this festival, we find the meaning of life and joyfully recognize the eternal destiny - "Christ is risen; he is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!"

## Preparation for Worship

*It is our custom to spend some time in quiet preparation before the liturgy begins, and save further conversation until we meet socially for refreshments afterwards. The following prayer may be found helpful:*

Living Lord, vanquisher of sin and death,  
come among us in your risen power  
and make your presence known to us  
in Word and Sacrament this Eastertide.  
Speak your message of peace to our hearts;  
show us your wounded hands and side;  
and send us forth to your service  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Based on John 20:19-23

## Setting

Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo      *Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

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who has generously financed  
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# Order of Service

## ¶ The Gathering

*At the sound of the bell, **all stand***

*The choir are in their stalls*

## The Easter Anthems

*The sanctuary party enters. Incense is blessed.*

*Choir* Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:  
therefore let us keep the feast;  
Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
death hath no more dominion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto sin once:  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6.9-11

Christ is risen from the dead:  
and become the firstfruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death:  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15.20-22

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

Music: John Scott (1956-2015)

*The presiding priest sings*

*All* Let us go forth in peace  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

# Processional Hymn

All

**Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
Heaven thunders forth its victory-cry:**

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

**The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply:**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.*

**While he, the King, the mighty King,  
Despoiling death of all its sting,  
And trampling down the powers of night,  
Brings forth his ransomed saints to light:**

**His tomb of late the threefold guard  
Of watch and stone and seal had barred;  
But now, in pomp and triumph high,  
He comes from death to victory:**

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The glad apostles saw their Lord:**

**Jesu, the King of gentleness,  
Do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
That we may give thee all our days  
The tribute of our grateful praise:**

**O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield  
Thine own redeemed for ever shield:**

**All praise be thine, O risen Lord,  
From death to endless life restored;**

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

**And praise to God the Father be  
And Holy Ghost eternally:**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.*

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

## The Greeting

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

## The Easter Acclamation

*All*        Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
              **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The service is introduced*

## Invitation to Confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

## Kyrie Confession

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.**

## Absolution

May the God of love and power  
forgive † us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens, Domine Filii unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of goodwill. We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God the Father, O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only are the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>
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## The Collect

Let us pray that the risen Christ will raise us up  
and renew our lives:

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 praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

*All*     **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, to discover further the meaning of  
this joyful Eastertide, let us listen attentively to the Good News  
of Christ's resurrection.

***Please be seated***

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*Reader*    A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the assembled crowd in Caesarea: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10.34-43

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn

*All stand*

*All*

**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,  
And 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.**

Words: Greek, St John of Damascus c.750  
Trans John Mason Neale (1816-1866)

Music: Ellacombe  
Mainz Gesangbuch 1833

## The Easter Gospel

### Acclamation

1. *Choir*  
2. *Choir and Congregation*

Al - le - lu - ia.

*Choir* 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 The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



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. 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.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



# The Homily

**All sit**

*At the end there is a period for quiet reflection*

## ¶ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

**All stand**

Vidi Aquam

*The presiding priest is led in procession to the Baptistry*

Choir *I beheld water,  
which proceeded out of the temple,  
on the right side thereof, alleluia:  
and all they to whom that water came were healed every one:  
and they say, alleluia, alleluia.*

Latin, Ezekiel 47

My brothers and sisters,  
this is the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ  
passed from death to life, appearing to his friends,  
and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold.  
Throughout the world Christians rejoice  
in the awesome power of God.  
As we celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection,  
I invite you to reject Satan and all his works  
and to renew the promises made in baptism.

Therefore I ask:

*All* Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

*All* Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**I renounce them.**

*All* Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
**I repent of them.**

*All* Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
**I turn to Christ.**

*All* Do you submit to Christ as Lord?  
**I submit to Christ.**

*All* Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?  
**I come to Christ.**

*All* May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you the strength to continue in the way.  
**Amen.**

## The Apostles' Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

*All* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*All* 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.**

*All* 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.**

## Sprinkling

O God most high, in the sacrifice of your risen Son  
you have made spring up fountains of living water;  
may this sprinkling revive in us the grace of baptism  
that we also may rise to the glory of new and eternal life.

*All* **Father, cleanse and bless your people.**

*The priest sprinkles the people with holy water as a reminder of baptism,  
and through which we share in the risen life of Christ*

## Water of Life



*Choir* All you who thirst, come to the waters;  
and you will never be thirsty again. **Refrain**

As rain from heaven, so is God's word,  
it waters the earth and brings forth life. **Refrain**

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,  
death shall no longer have power over us. **Refrain**

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,  
you will find peace in his infinite love. **Refrain**

*When the priest has returned to his chair ...*

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized in your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

*All*

**Amen.**

## Prayers of the Faithful

*Priest*

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

***All sit or kneel***

*Intercessor*

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy  
of his glorious and life-giving resurrection:  
we pray to the Father.

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches  
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter:  
we pray to the Father.

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility  
to be subject to one another in Christian love:  
we pray to the Father.

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter:  
we pray to the Father.

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease  
through all the world:  
we pray to the Father.

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,  
the weak and the dying,  
to comfort and strengthen them ...  
we pray to the Father.

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises,  
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection  
may be raised on the last day ...  
we pray to the Father.

*All*      **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection:  
we pray to the Father.

*All*      **Hear our prayer.**

*Priest*      Heavenly Father,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,  
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

*All stand*

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

As you feel able, let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

# Hymn

*(As a precautionary measure, no collection will be taken during the service.  
A monetary offering may be made at the end of the service)*

All

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King:  
Who hath washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his piercèd side;  
Praise we him whose love divine  
Gives his guests his blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast,  
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we Manna from above.**

**Mighty Victim from on high,  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou has brought us life and light.  
Now thy banner thou dost wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave.  
See the prince of darkness quelled;  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

**Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From sin's death do thou set free,  
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.**

Words: Ad regias Agni dapes  
Anonymous Latin, Trans Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Music: Salzburg  
Melody from J Hinze (1622-1702)  
Harmony by J S Bach (1685-1750)

## Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*All* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, with Easter joy we offer you the sacrifice  
by which your Church is reborn and nourished  
through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might. heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine. Osanna in excelsis	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

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 ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
St Matthew, 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*



A- men.

*The Blessed Sacrament is elevated. Bells are rung.*

***Please sit or kneel***

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our 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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

*All*      **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All*      **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

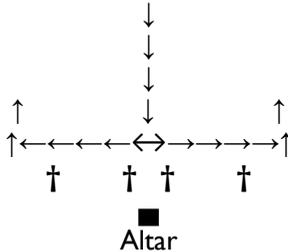
*The clergy receive Holy Communion*

## Giving of Communion

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the  
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion, as shown below.

Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you.



## Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

### Act of Reception

*All* In union, blessed Jesus,  
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

*(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)*

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,  
for creation and all the blessings of this life,  
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,  
and resurrection,  
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

*(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)*

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,  
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,  
I pray you to come into my heart.  
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,  
my soul, and my mind.  
Let nothing separate me from you;  
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,  
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.  
Amen.

# Agnus Dei

Choir Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*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.*

*For private reflection before receiving Holy Communion:*

THOU ART RISEN, O LORD!  
Let the quiet Altar dazzle with light;  
let us haste to thy Presence,  
wondering, incredulous joy;  
and partake of thy Risen Life.

# Motet

Choir This Joyful Eastertide

*Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*After receiving Holy Communion:*

THOU ART RISEN, MY LORD AND MY GOD!  
Rise up, my heart, give thanks, rejoice!  
And do thou, O Lord, deign to enter it  
despite the shut doors.  
Shew me thy hands and thy side,  
that it is thou thyself.  
Send me about thy business,  
servant of the living King, the King of kings,  
and hide my life in thine  
for ever and ever.

## Prayer after Communion

*There may be a period of silence for private prayer and thanksgiving*

Let us pray:

**All stand**

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.

All

**Amen.**

## Hymn

All

**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 vict'ry, 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 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:**

Words: French, Edmund Budry (1854-1932)  
Trans Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

MUSIC: Maccabaeus  
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

**¶ Sending Out**

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

**Solemn Blessing**

God the Father,  
 by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
 open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
*All* **Amen.**

God the Son,  
 who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
 give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
*All* **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
 whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
 empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be upon you and remain with you always.  
*All* **Amen.**

**Sung Dismissal**

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.\_\_\_\_\_

*All*

In the name of Christ, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.\_\_\_\_\_

*Please turn to face the Madonna and Child sculpture*

## Regina Caeli

*All*      **Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia**      *(9 rings)*  
**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia**  
**As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia**  
**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

*All*      Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia  
**for the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

God of life, you have given joy to the world      *(9 rings)*  
by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary,  
bring us to the happiness eternal life;  
we ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen.**

*Music: Easter Hymn*

## Organ Voluntary

Choral-Improvisation sur Victimæ Pascali

*Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)*

*The procession departs*

*Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary.*

*Refreshments are served in church after Mass, please do join us.*

*If you are a newcomer to the parish or area please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or speak to a member of our Welcome Team.*

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## Collection – responding to God’s generosity

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**Contactless giving** - using the terminal provided. Just press the button for the amount you wish to give - £3, £5, or £10, and then hold your bank card over the reader.

**Giving on your smart phone** - using the QR code printed below. It gives you the option of any amount, Gift Aid, and making a regular payment.

**Giving online** - click the donate button on the parish website or Facebook page and follow the instructions.

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