

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Third Sunday of Easter

Year A



The Emmaus Road by John Piper

The Parish Mass with Holy Baptism

Sunday 19 April 2026

10.15 am

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Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



Good morning and welcome to our Parish Mass as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on this Third Sunday of Easter.

Today's Gospel invites us to walk with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the risen Lord draws near, opens the scriptures, and is made known in the breaking of the bread. Like them, we come with our own stories, questions, and hopes, trusting that Christ is present among us, even when we do not immediately recognise him.

This morning is made especially joyful as we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Melisa Kitajeva and Annabel Eva Kinchella. Through the waters of new birth, they are welcomed into the life of Christ and into the family of the Church. We rejoice with their families, and we renew our own commitment to support them as they grow in faith.

As we gather may our hearts burn within us as we listen to God's word, and may we recognise the Lord Jesus in Word and Sacrament. Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries with faith and joy.

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, based on today's themes, may be found helpful:

Reflection

All of us have some experience of the road to Emmaus.
That road represents the road of disappointment, failure, sorrow,
and broken dreams.
But the risen Lord journeys with us.
His resurrection opens all our stories to the present,
not just for a good ending, but for a glorious ending.
Stay with us, Lord, and let your presence inflame our hearts
and raise our spirits,
so that we may journey towards your kingdom with undimmed hope.

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

§ *All stand at the sound of the bell. The procession enters.*

Hymn

All

**CHRIST the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluya!**

**He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today!
We too sing for joy, and say
Alleluya!**

**He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluya!**

**He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who in strong man armed hath bound,
And in highest heaven is crowned.
Alleluya!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven.
Alleluya!**

**Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay,
Alleluya!**

Words German, Michael Weisse c1480-1534
tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878

Music Württemberg
Melody adapted and harmonized by William Henry Monk 1823-1889
from 'Staf mich nicht', *Hundert Arien*, 1694

Priest † 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 Proclamation

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

§ *The presiding priest introduces the mass, and invites Kristine and Sintija to bring Melisa and Annabel to the dais step*

Introduction to Baptism

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.
Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.
As children of God, we are continually created anew,
as we walk the path of faith,
and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

§ *The candidates return to their seats*

Invitation to Confession

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.

A pause for reflection

Confession

All **God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned against you.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Kyries

Lord Jesus, you are the true bread from heaven,
giving life to the world.

Kyrie eleison.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

You came not to do your own will, but the will of him who sent you.

Christie eleison.

All **Christie eleison.**

It is the will of him who sent you that we should have eternal life.

Kyrie eleison.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

Absolution

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

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord;
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

§ Sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

The Acts of the Apostles

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem: Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Acts 2.14a, 36-4

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

§ Stand

Holy Gospel

Acclamation

1. Choir
2. Choir and Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognised the Lord
in the breaking of bread.

All **Alleluia.**

§ *We turn to face the Book of the Gospels*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

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

All

Glo - ry to you, O Lord, al - le - lu - ia.

On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his

¶ The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

Those to be baptized gather in the baptistry with their mothers

The priest addresses the candidate:

Melisa, Annabel, do you wish to be baptized?

Answer **I do.**

Then, to the whole congregation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Melisa and Annabel who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.
So I ask you all:

All Will you support these children as they begin their journey of faith?
We will.

All Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

The priest then addresses Melisa and Annabel's mothers:

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
As their mothers, you speak for Melisa and Annabel.
Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?

They responds together

Mothers **I will.**

The Decision

The priest invites the candidates and their mothers to make and renew their baptismal vows

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore, I ask you:

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.

Signing with the Cross

*The priest anoints Melisa and Annabel with the Oil of Baptism
making the sign of the cross on their forehead*

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

All Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.
**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The water in the font has already been blessed

The Apostles' Creed

Priest Brothers and sisters,
I ask you to profess together with this family 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.**

Baptism

The priest pours holy water over each child's head three times, saying

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Anointing with the Oil of Chrism

*The newly baptized are once more anointed, this time making the sign
of the cross on the crown of the head*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Melisa and Annabel are given a baptismal candle lit from the Easter Candle

N, God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Commission

Melisa and Annabel, we are glad to have welcomed you here for your baptism. There will always be a place for you here. Your baptism joins you to Christ and to his whole Church, in every part of the world, in the past and in the future, on earth and in heaven.

Even before today, God began his work in you, but it will take the whole of your life to complete that work. There will be moments when the journey ahead is a delight and there will be times when it is hard, but you will never be alone. You will always have the support of other Christians. There will be many milestones on your journey: confirmation will be one of them.

Remember that in Jesus, heaven has touched our world. Belonging to him will change your life and, through reading the bible, you will learn more deeply the story of God's love. Through worship, prayer and caring for others you will grow more and more like Jesus. Stand up for fairness, truth and kindness.

God's love is for you, and for everyone. Share with other people the good news of his love.

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised 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.**

§ *The congregation turn towards the front and kneel for the prayers*

§ *The baptismal group returns to their seats, and the priest and server return to the nave sanctuary*

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest As we travel in hope towards the kingdom of heaven,
let us bring our needs before God,
confident that he will listen favourably to them.

§ *Kneel*

After each petition

All Lord, abide with us:
stay with us and help us.

After the final petition

Priest Lord, grant that through our participation in the Eucharist,
we may know that you are with us.
May your gentle light guide us on the unfolding road,
so that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades
and the life that never ends.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *Stand*

The Welcome

All There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Melisa and Annabel, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The congregation greet Melisa and Annabel, the certificates of baptism are presented, and also the godparent cards

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory

§ *The Gifts are presented to the presiding priest at the dais step*

Hymn

§ *A monetary collection is taken. For alternative ways of giving please refer to the front of this booklet. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.*

All **LIGHT of the minds that know him,
May Christ be light to mine!
My sun is risen splendour,
My light of truth divine;
My guide in doubt and darkness,
My true and living way,
My clear light ever shining
My dawn of heaven's day.**

**Life of the souls that love him,
May Christ be ours indeed!
The living bread from heaven
On whom our spirits feed;
Who died for love of sinners
To bear our guilty load,
And make of life's brief journey
A new Emmaus road.**

**Strength of the wills that serve him,
May Christ be strength to me,
Who stilled the storm and tempest,
Who calmed the tossing sea;
His Spirit's power to move me,
His will to master mine,
His cross to carry daily
And conquer in his sign.**

**May it be ours to know him
That we may truly love,
And loving, fully serve him
As serve the saints above;
Till in that home of glory
With fadeless splendour bright,
We serve in perfect freedom
Our strength, our life, our light.**

Words Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024
based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo 345-430

Music King's Lynn
English folk melody collected and arranged by
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

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

O Lord, receive these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Jesus 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, 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:

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



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 company with Mary the Virgin Mother of God,
Saint Matthew, and all the apostles and 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 and bells are rung

§ *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.**

Agnus Dei

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.**

Invitation to Communion

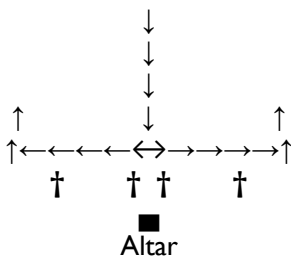
All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Giving of Communion

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread,
alleluia.

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

*Alternatively, if you wish to receive God's blessing, please bring this booklet
with you to the priest.*



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.

§ *All remain seated for period of personal reflection and thanksgiving*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

§ *Stand*

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

**God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

All **LOVE'S** redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids him rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led?
Following out exalted head;
Made like him, like him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!**

Words Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Music Savannah (Herrnhut)
Melody from *Choralbuch Herrnhut*, c1740
as given in John Wesley *Foundery Collection*, 1742.

Notices for the Community

§ Sit

¶ Sending Out

§ Stand

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Solemn Blessing

All May Christ, who rose gloriously from the dead,
enflame your hearts with his love.
Amen.

All May the risen Lord fill your hearts with joy
and make you courageous heralds of his Gospel.
Amen.

All May you not be afraid of anything the world can throw at you,
because Christ has overcome the world.
Amen.

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

All

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 towards the Madonna and Child sculpture

Regina Caeli

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

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

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

All **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Imperial March

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

- § *Please remain standing until the procession has departed*
- § *Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*
- § *Refreshments are served in the parish centre, 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.*

This evening at 5.30 pm
BCP Evening Prayer
is said in Quire

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