

Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

Sung Eucharist

The third Sunday of Easter



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• Follow the instructions of our stewards

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion.

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Please clean your hands using the provided hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building.

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Handshakes optional

When we offer each other a sign of peace you're welcome to share a handshake, but remember that some people may not be comfortable with this and will instead simply nod or wave.

Communion is your choice

Communion is available as both bread and wine, but if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your seat. Receiving only the bread is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England.

Masks welcome

If you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering, please do so. If you've forgotten a face covering and would like one, please speak to a member of our team.

Upcoming services

Messy Church This afternoon at 4.00 pm

Said Eucharist Wednesday 17 April at 10.00 am

Sung Eucharist for the fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday 21 April at 10.00 am

A prayer for vacancy

Heavenly Father, Good Shepherd of all, during this time of vacancy at St Mary's we ask that you comfort those who worry, strengthen those who carry the weight of responsibility, support and guide the PCC, inspire a priest with your calling to this ministry, and stay near us as we continue to worship you together in this place. Amen.

Notices

Join us after the service for refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments in our Community Centre.

Open Church Concert Series 2024

FREE ADMISSION

With a 2.15 start each concert will last 45min. The church will remain open until 4pm.

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The Gathering

Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter, during which the introit hymn is sung.

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice! Brothers and sisters with one voice Make all men know he is your choice: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The first apostles round them drew Thousands of faithful men and true, Sharing a faith for ever new: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Then magnify the Lord and raise Anthems of joy and holy praise For Christ's brave saints of ancient days: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O Christian women, Christian men, All the world over, seek again The way disciples followed then: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ through all ages is the same; Place the same hope in his great name, With the same faith his word proclaim: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Let Love's unconquerable might God's people everywhere unite In service to the Lord of light: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

> Words: George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883-1958) Music: melody from Melchior Vulpius' 'Gesangbuch' (1609) harmony by Henry George Ley (1887-1962) Hymn Tune: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT)

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

Amen.

The Greeting

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

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of Welcome

Prayers of Penitence

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.

cf I Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen. The president says

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

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words '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.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Acts 3.12-19

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. At the end of the hymn, we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; Mortals give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns, The God of truth and love; When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice. He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit, And bow to his command, And fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

> Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) Hymn Tune: GOPSAL

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24.36b-48

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand with the president.

Let us declare our faith in God.

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, 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

Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we kneel or sit. The response to the bidding:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Then at the end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand with the president.

The Peace

The peace of the eternal Father be about you. The peace of the risen Lord be within you. The peace of the Holy Spirit be upon you.

David Adam - Traces of Glory

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

This is usually a handshake shared with those near you.

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

A hymn is sung. During this hymn a collection, our financial offering in support of the work of the church both at St. Mary's and across our diocese, is taken.

You can place cash or giving envelopes on the collection plates as they are passed around. If you would prefer, or if you miss the plate, you can also give by scanning this QR code, or by tapping



your contactless card or device on the giving plate by the door as you leave.

I danced in the morning When the world was begun, And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven And I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe And the pharisee, But they would not dance And they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, For James and John; They came with me And the dance went on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; ...

I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame: The holy people Said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped And they hung me high, And they left me there On a cross to die:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; ...

I danced on a Friday When the sky turned black; It's hard to dance With the devil on your back. They buried my body And they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance And I still go on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; ...

They cut me down And I leapt up high; I am the life That'll never, never die; I'll live in you If you'll live in me: I am the Lord Of the Dance, said he:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; ...

Words & Music: Sydney Bertram Carter (1915-2004) Music adapted from a traditional Shaker melody Hymn Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

Please kneel or sit.

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.

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 lesus 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.

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:

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 Blessed Mary, 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.

Amen. (Sung)

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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 president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.

The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the guidance offered by the stewards.

If you are not baptised, or would prefer to not receive, then do still come forward for a blessing bringing this book with you so the president knows your intention.

The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting').

To the words "The Body/Blood of Christ" the communicant replies "Amen".

For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.

God of the new fire, and feasting at daybreak: come to us in the dullness of routine and the pain of betrayal; call to us in the way of the cross and the joy of resurrection; through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Amen.

Choir Anthem

'This joyful Eastertide'

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow, My love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen, Arisen, arisen, arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber: Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen, Arisen, arisen, arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, Since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.

Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen, Arisen, arisen, arisen.

> Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934) Music: 17th century Dutch melody arranged by Philip Stevens Ledger (1937-2012)

The following communion hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb.

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed, How sweet their mem'ry still! But they have left an aching void The world can never fill.

The dearest idol I have known, Whate'er that idol be, Help me to tear it from thy throne, And worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

> Words: William Cowper (1731-1800) Music: melody from the 'Scottish Psalter' (1635) Hymn Tune: CAITHNESS

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the pow'rs of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.

> Words: Liturgy of St James translated by Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: French traditional melody Hymn Tune: PICARDY

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

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.

Amen.

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. Please stand as a hymn is sung.

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own: Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn; Fruit of the mystic Rose, As of that Rose the Stem, The Root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love: Behold his hands and side; Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified: No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends each burning eye At mysteries so bright. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a sceptre sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise: His reign shall know no end, And round his piercèd feet Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

> Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893) Hymn Tune: DIADEMATA

The Dismissal

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our regular services

Sung Eucharist:	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Said Eucharist:	Every Wednesday at 10.00 am
Choral Evensong:	First Sunday of the month at 6.00 pm Next on Sunday 5 May
Compline:	Next on Wednesday 5 June at 8.30 pm

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