

Sunday @ 9
Easter Day
Sunday 31st March 2024

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (<https://zoom.us/j/7210725462>) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

Gathering as God's people

Hymn: See what a morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!

See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ the Man,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of days,
through the Spirit, who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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The Easter Acclamation

Christ is our light
Thanks be to God

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the
darkness of our hearts and minds. Amen

Christ is risen. Alleluia
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Gloria

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people
through the earth be given!

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king;
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer;
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you!

Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours;
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

*Christopher Idle after Gloria in Excelsis
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The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not
conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared
our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your
immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave
terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts
from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our
days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our
immortal Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Children's ministry

Prayer before the reading of scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us

through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;

he is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia

Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia

We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia

God has proclaimed his gracious gift:

new life for all! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia

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Gospel reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon

Choir:

Renewal of Baptism vows

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

We give you thanks that we are made one with
Christ in his death and resurrection. Pour out your
Holy Spirit in blessing, that this water may be a sign
of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue for
ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the
Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us
reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

I do.

Do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you renounce all that is evil?

I do.

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith of the
Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

from there he will come to judge

the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God 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.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a
disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart,
and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?
I will with God's help.

The Ministry of Prayer

We pray for the church and the world.

The response is

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

The Greeting of peace

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please say hello to everyone!

The Offertory

Hymn: Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower
was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord O'er sin the might conqueror,
From death He rose and all His foes
shall own His name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord!

David J Mansell

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Thanksgiving for offered gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to
share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

Loving God,
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.
You have given it to us to care for,
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross
Jesus took away our sin,
all that keeps us from each other and from you.
He frees us from hate and fear,
from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that you gave us back the Risen One,
full of grace and glory.
Because he rose again,
we go with joy wherever Jesus sends.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that in baptism
you made us one with Jesus,
and you brought us out of darkness into light.
When you pour out your spirit
you fill us with the gifts we need
to be your holy people.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

...and to remember all he has done for us.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are
confident to pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of bread and the Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains, which
have been gathered together and made one bread:
so may your Church be gathered from the ends of
the earth into your kingdom

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Come, let us celebrate the feast.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your
hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion is shared

Jesus, Lamb of God
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

Hymn: We are marching

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God
(the light of God)!

We are marching (marching,
we are marching, marching,) – Oh,
we are marching in the light of God
(the light of God)!

We are marching (marching,
we are marching, marching,) – Oh,
we are marching in the light of God!

We are living in the love of God . . .

We are moving in the power of God . . .

Anders Nyberg, Andrew Maries
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Blessing

The blessing of the Living God,
who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and forever. Amen.

The blessing of the risen Christ,
who sends you as apostles into all the world
be upon you now and for ever. Amen.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,
who fills the church with joy and praise,
be upon you now and forever. Amen.

The blessing of our God,
the holy and glorious Trinity,
be upon you and remain with you now, and forever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!