

# Sunday @ 9

## Second Sunday of Easter

### Sunday 7th April 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*

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

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

John 20.21

### *Hymn: The day of resurrection*

#### **The day of resurrection!**

earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God:  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth up to the sky,  
our Christ has 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 greeting**  
may hear, so calm and strong,  
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,  
may raise the victor's song.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful  
and earth her song repeat,  
the whole world shout in triumph  
her living Lord to greet;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end.

*John of Damascus  
tr. John Mason Neale alt.*

### *The Ministry of the Word*

#### *Prayer for the day*

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us

with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. 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 John 1:1-2:2*

#### *Hymn: Let there be love shared among us*

Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes;  
**may now Your love sweep this nation,**  
cause us, O Lord, to arise:  
give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real;  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.

*Dave Bilbrough  
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#### *Gospel reading: John 20:19-31*

#### *Sermon*

#### *Music for reflection*

### *The Apostles Creed*

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

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.

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.**

### *The Ministry of Prayer*

*We pray for the church and the world.*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who taught us 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.

### *Confession of sin*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,  
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

*A pause for reflection*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a  
sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of  
life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to  
him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *The Greeting of peace*

Christ has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*Please say hello to everyone!*

### *The Offertory*

*Hymn: Christ be our light*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people;  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts,  
shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in Your church  
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us Your living voice.

*Christ, be our light . . .*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

**Longing for water, many still thirst.**

Make us Your bread, broken for others,  
**shared until all are fed.**

*Christ, be our light . . .*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,  
longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light . . .*

**Many the gifts, many the people,**  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making Your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light . . .*

### *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.

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.

...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance  
of me.'

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

*Communion is shared*

### *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: Lord Jesus Christ*

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,  
You are one with us, Mary's son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring Your love and goodness in:  
Jesus, our love for You we sing –  
living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God;  
You have commanded us to do this in  
remembrance, Lord, of you;  
into our lives Your power breaks through -  
living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's son;  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free:  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You,  
live my life for You, Son of God;  
all Your commands I know are true,  
**Your many gifts will make me new:**  
into my life Your power breaks through –  
living Lord!

*Patrick Appleford  
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### *Blessing*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing...Amen.

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
In the name of Christ. Amen  
Alleluia, Alleluia

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