

ST PETER'S & ALL SAINTS' CHURCHES, NOTTINGHAM

Sunday 12th April 2020
Easter Day

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INTRODUCTION

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The service is introduced

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of sin and asking for God's forgiveness

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself and cleanse us from all our sins, that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

recorded by individual members of the church choir in online collaboration

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

**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.
*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

THE COLLECT

A special prayer for the day

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 Jesus Christ, 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.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Listening to and reflecting on Scripture

NEW TESTAMENT READING

St Peter describes the death and resurrection of Jesus

Peter began to speak to the people: '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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;

Let us then feast with joy in the Lord!

Alleluia!

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' tomb is found to be empty; he is risen from the grave

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Matthew 28. 1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

as recorded at the Church of the Good Shepherd, July 2019

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!

Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon,

even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.

For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Liz Marsh

THE 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.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

GIVING THANKS FOR THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Almighty and eternal God, at this Easter time we give you thanks with worshippers around the world for raising your Son our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

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.

The choir sings the Sanctus, ancient words describing the worship of the saints in heaven, to the setting in E-major by Harold Darke, as recorded at Salisbury Cathedral in May 2015:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, as we recall that through his body, broken for us, and by his blood, shed for us, we enjoy new life in Him. For in the same night that he was betrayed, he 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and we look for the coming of your kingdom.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and as we remember his death and resurrection, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in his body, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei, to the setting in E-major by Harold Darke, as recorded at Salisbury Cathedral in May 2015:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia.
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia.
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the Cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.**

**3. But the pains that he endured
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing.**

THE BLESSING

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

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope! He has raised Jesus from the dead!

May Almighty God, who has made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord Jesus Christ, bestow upon us the riches of his blessing and bring us to our eternal inheritance in heaven. And so may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us, and remain with us, always.
Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Placare Christe servulis

M Dupré (1886-1971)

*played and recorded by Michael Leuty at Wells Cathedral,
September 2017*