



# The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew



# The Eucharist of Easter Morning

*(for use in the Covid-19 Pandemic)*

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Rector: The Revd James Stewart

## Introduction

We find ourselves wondering whether Easter, this year, has been cancelled, but in this time of crisis and confusion, we are seeking the joy of Easter even more fervently. We find ourselves locked out of our churches by a virus that no one can see but a whole world fear. This booklet provides the Order of Service for our Easter morning Eucharist, which for the first time in the history of this is broadcast live on Facebook.

*The Revd James Stewart, Rector, March 2020*

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## **Welcoming of the Easter Candle**

*The minister says*

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power**  
**through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*The minister raises up the lit Easter Candle and proclaims the acclamation. The minister repeats the acclamation, getting louder each time.*

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

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, especially in these challenging and dark times, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

## **Hymn**

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!**  
**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!**  
**Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!**  
**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!**  
**Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!**  
**Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!**  
**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured, Alleluya!**  
**Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!**  
**Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!**  
**Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!**

*Words of welcome are said*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*All sing the Gloria in Excelsis (The Hebridean Gloria)*

***Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, in excelsis  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

**Peace on earth on to all your people,  
Lord God, heav'nly King,  
We worship you, Almighty Father,  
In our voices ring! Sing:**

**Jesus, blessed Lamb of God  
to you our voice we raise.  
You take away our sins, O Lord,  
receive our song of praise! Sing:**

**Holy Lord in highest heaven,  
how our hearts rejoice  
in God the Father, Son and Spirit  
so, with loudest voice sing:**

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## The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

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.**

## Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

*This acclamation heralds the reading of the gospel.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon/Reflection**

### **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,**  
from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son,**  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.

**We believe in one God;**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The response to the bidding, Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*At the end the minister concludes the prayers*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. **and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Hymn**

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
see, our Sun's eclipse has passed;  
see, the dawn has come at last!**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise  
Christ has opened paradise:**

**Now he lives, our glorious king;  
now, O death, where is your sting?  
Once he died, our souls to save  
where's your victory, boasting grave?**

**We are raised where Christ has led,  
following our 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 you by both be given;  
every knee to you shall bow,  
risen Christ, triumphant now!**

*Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)*

## **The Preparation of the Table**

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

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
and make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption 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 sing (Tune: Land of Rest)*

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.



So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



### **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 minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.*

**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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The minister receives the bread and the wine.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly  
banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

**Notices** *The notices are given.*

## **Hymn**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**

*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting: *Refrain***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above: *Refrain***

## **The Blessing**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; 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**

*Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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**We wish you a very  
Happy Easter!**



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