

# Easter Day



## *Exultet*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour. Radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er;  
lo, he sets in blood no more!

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

Lives again our glorious king;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
foll'wing our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies:

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
praise to thee by both be giv'n;  
thee we greet triumphant now,  
hail, the Resurrection thou! *R. Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)*  
*trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)*

### *Greeting*

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

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**All He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### *Sprinkling with Water Blessed at the Vigil*

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and  
freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of  
the washing away of our sins and the gift of life  
eternal. Renew the living spring of your life within  
us, that we may be free from sin and filled with  
your saving health; through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

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.

**All Amen.**

## *Gloria*

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.

## *Collect*

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.

**All        Amen.**

## *First Reading (Acts 10.34-43)*

A reading from the book of Acts.



Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘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.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24*

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**All            This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his  
mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now  
proclaim, ‘His mercy endures for ever’

**All        This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!'

**All        This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**All        This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter'. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone.

**All        This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**All        This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## *Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15.19-26)*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## *Hymn*

*Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Ye sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
To-day the grave hath lost its sting. *Alleluia!*

On that first morning of the week,  
Before the day began to break,  
The Marys went their Lord to seek. *Alleluia!*

An Angel bade their sorrow flee,  
For thus he spake unto the three:  
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.' *Alleluia!*

That night the Apostles met in fear,  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
And said: 'Peace be unto you here!' *Alleluia!*

On this most holy day of days,  
To God our hearts and voices raise,  
In laud, and jubilee, and praise. *Alleluia!*

And we with Holy Church unite,  
As evermore is just and right,  
In glory to the King of Light. *Alleluia!*

*Gospel Reading (John 20.1-18)*

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.

**All** Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**All**

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

**All**

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 round 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.

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

### *Sermon*

### *Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Creed*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in him. Therefore I ask: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All** I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All** I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All** I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All** I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All** I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All** I come to Christ.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

Dear friends, I ask you to profess with the faith of Christ's Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All 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 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. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**All** And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us show each other a sign of peace.

## *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 grave clothes  
Where thy body lay. R.*

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. R.



No more we doubt thee  
Glorious Prince of life  
Life is naught 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. *R.*

*E. L. Budry (1854- 1932)  
trans. R. B. Hoyle (1875 - 1939)*

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you  
our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the  
bread of heaven may we know your  
resurrection power; through Christ our risen  
Lord.

**All        Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All        And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All        We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All        It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this day  
above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ  
our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true  
Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by  
dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, has

restored our life. Therefore overcome with Easter joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**All        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:

**All Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 the Mary our Lady, Peter our Patron 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.

**All Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**All** 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.

**All** Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### *Giving of Communion*

*All those who have received Communion in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion, or to come to the front, bringing this sheet with them for a blessing.*

**This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
has 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. *Refrain.***

**Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver. *Refrain.*** G. R. Woodward (1848 - 1934)

## *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.

**All**        **Amen.**

**All**        **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## *Notices*

## *Blessing and Dismissal*

**All**        **The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

**All**        **God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave  
has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you  
share the Easter faith.

**All      Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples  
with the life of the risen Lord, empower you  
and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All      Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always.

**All      Amen.**

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

**All      Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### *Hymn & Proclamation of the Resurrection*

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.  
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

**All      Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord is Risen indeed, alleluia!**

Let us pray.

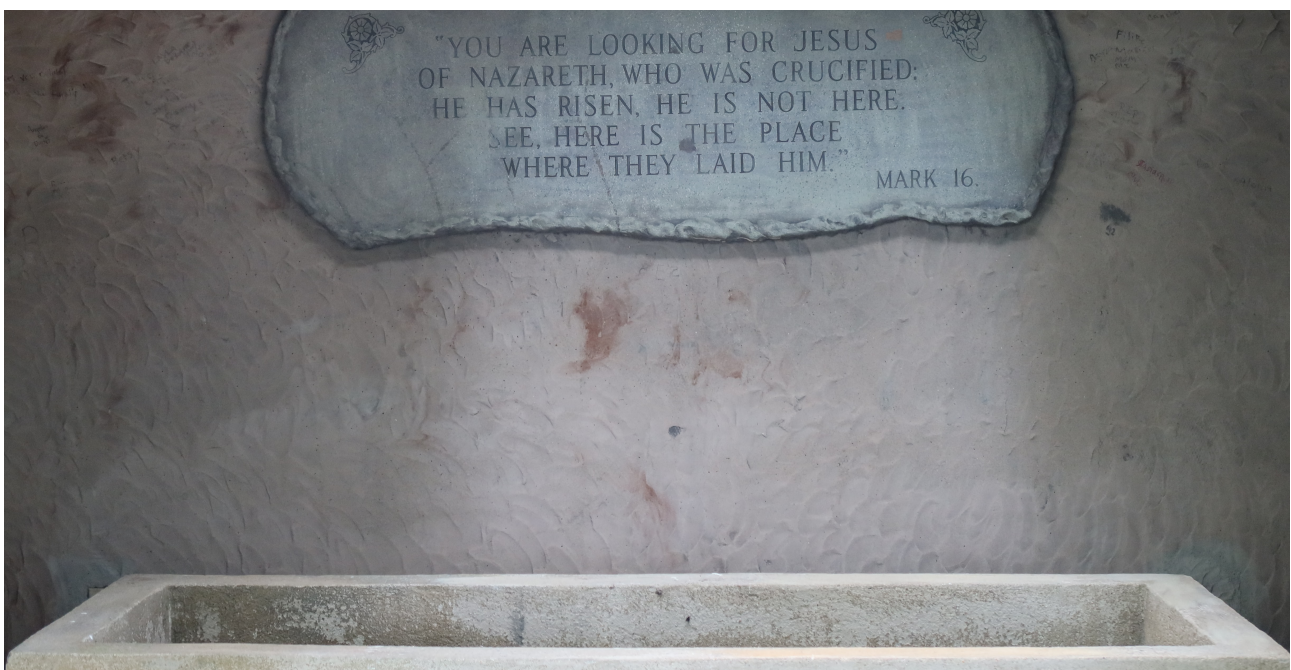
Almighty God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ has brought joy to the whole world: grant we ask you that with the Virgin Mary, aided by her prayers and the prayers of all the saints, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

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

*Surrexit hodie (14th C) &  
J. Arnold's Compleat Psalmodist (1749)*



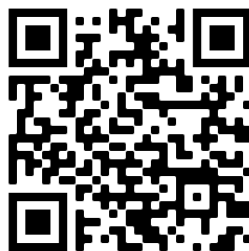
# Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

## Happy Easter!

*Morning and Evening Prayer break for Easter and resume on Monday 25th April 8.30am and 5.30pm (Monday - Wednesday and Friday) 20 minutes of prayer to mark the rhythm of the day.*

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