

(STAND)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Priest: Bow down for the blessing.

The Bishop faces the people and blesses them:

May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin. **Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only-Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality. **Amen.**

Now that the day's of the Lord's Passion
have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate
the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

*As we leave the Parish Church, to assemble socially
distanced in the churchyard, an improvised Reces-
sional is played by the Organist to lead us into the
singing of the final hymn :*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Communion Reflection:

"You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here. . . Go, tell His disciples. . . that He goes before you." Yes; we, too, searchers after Christ, now confess we have found Him. The task before us is to "tell" others of His victory, that all may be "of one mind and heart."

Why? Because if Christmas is the loveliest Feast as we behold God *born of Mary* unto man's life, certainly Easter is the greatest as we behold Jesus *born of a tomb* so that man may rise unto God's Life. Our faith in His Divinity is confirmed because He "overcame death;" our hope is enlivened because He has "opened unto us the Gate of Eternity." Is it any wonder that the "earth trembled. . . when God arose?"

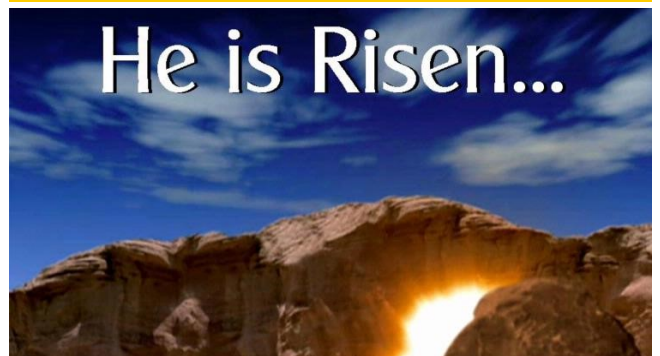
How are we to prepare for our Easter Communion? A Resurrection Day effort to "purge out the old" life for the "new!" How could we be nourished by the "sincerity and truth" of Divine Bread if it were spoiled by the "leaven" of an insincere will, or an untrue mind?



4th April AD 2021

EASTER DAY
at St Mary & St Giles

PONTIFICAL PARISH MASS



Welcome to the Parish Church for our worship this Sunday in which we celebrate the Eucharist: "the apostles teaching and fellowship, the break of bread and the prayers" *Acts 2:42*

Prayer Thought

"This is the day which the Lord has made." Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

(STAND)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Voluntary:

'I know that my Redeemer liveth' - Handel

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND; and the Bishop, priest and minister enter the Sanctuary the Cantor sings the Antiphon:

I have arisen * and I am still with you, alleluia! Thou hast placed over me Thou right hand, alleluia! Wonderful hath been Thy great knowledge, alleluia, alleluia! .

Ps. O Lord Thou hast probed me and Thou knowest me * Thou knowest my sitting down, and my rising up!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost * as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Bishop greets the people

Peace be with you.

and also with you.

Penitential Rite

(STAND)

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up
to draw all people to yourself:
Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

You shouldered the cross,
to bear our suffering and sinfulness:
Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**

You open for your people
the way from death into life:
Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

The absolution by the Bishop follows:

May almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Gloria in excelsis

(Darke in F)

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Al-
mighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-
ther,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Bishop for a while. Then the Bishop, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer:

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 (SIT)

The First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

*(New Testament Page 109 in the Bibles) Peter pro-
claims the Death and Resurrection of Jesus to Gen-
tiles in Joppa.*

Prayer after Communion

(STAND)

Let us pray.

*And all pray in silence with the Bishop for a while, unless
the silence has just been observed. Then the Bishop, with
hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion:*

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All then pray:

**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.**

*The Easter Garden, which has been prepared by the Faith-
ful, is then blessed.*

Bishop: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**All: Glory and kingship be his
for ever and ever. Alleluia!**

Bishop: Blessed are you, O God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In your great mercy you have given us
new birth into a living hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

Bless, ✠ hallow and consecrate
this Easter Garden
that we who gaze upon it
may be strengthened in faith
and rejoice in the hope of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

*After which Easter Eggs will be blessed and available af-
ter the Recessional Hymn.*

Bishop: Let us bless and thank God
for these Easter eggs, signs of new life
and of the breaking open of the tomb
by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed are you, Lord,
God of life and growth,
you give us food and nourishment
through the wonders of your creation;
as with joy we take these eggs
may we share in the new life
of our risen Saviour Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

ciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei (sung by the Choir - Darke in F)
(KNEEL)

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.

The Bishop shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

An antiphon is sung as the people reverently receive Holy Communion. It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.

Our Passover * hath been sacrificed, Christ himself.
Alleluia! And therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truthfulness, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. I was hard-pressed
and called upon the Lord *
He heard and relieved me.
2. No, I shall not die, but shall live *
and recall the deeds of God.
3. Thou art my God, I thank thee exceedingly
* Thee do I extol, O my God.
4. The stone rejected by the builder *
hath become the cornerstone.
5. By the Lord hath this been done *
it is marvellous in our sight.

The Choir sing the anthem:

'Since by man came death' - Handel

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 118)

**R/. This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' ®

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. ®

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. ®

The Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

(New Testament Page 169 in the Bibles) St Paul teaches us that our thoughts should be on heavenly things as that is where our true lies: with Christ..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us, therefore, celebrate the festival in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel John 20:1-9

(New Testament Page 98 in the Bibles) The tomb of Jesus is discovered open and empty Mary Magdalene tells St Peter, and St John...who saw and believed!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Priest: Dear brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism when wby which we once renounced Satan and his works, and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Priest: Do you reject Satan?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his works?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his empty promises?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead,
and is seated
at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Priest: This is our faith.
This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it,
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful (STAND)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, in joy and hope let us pray to God the almighty Father.

Intercessor: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection...

V/. let us pray to the Father:

R/. **in Christ our Lord.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter . . .

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love . . .

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter . . .

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world . . .

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them.....

That he may give a place of light and peace to.....and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week.....and all those who have died in the peace of Christ.

☒ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people..... so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection.

Priest: Father, receive the prayers of your Church celebrating the glorious victory of your risen Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the altar by the faithful. The Bishop says the Offertory Prayers as the Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon:***

The earth trembled * and became still when arisen for judgement was God. Alleluia!

1. In Judah is God known *
his name is great in Israel.
2. In Salem is his tabernacle *
and his dwelling place in Zion.

If the Antiphon has concluded and the Bishop is still say-

ing the Offertory Prayers the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

The Bishop says the Prayer over the Gifts:

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Bishop prays a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

The choir sing the Sanctus & Benedictus (Darke in F)...
(KNEEL)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Bishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Bishop:for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop introduces the Lord's Prayer:

(STAND)

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, gra-