

# St Saviour's and St Peter's



*St Philip baptising the Ethiopian - Aelbert Cuyp*

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### Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ has broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy!  
Singing ever more on high, Alleluya

He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today!  
We too sing for joy, and say Alleluya!

He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross;  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry, Alleluya!

*Michael Weisse Tr Catherine Winkworth*

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

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

## Welcome and Introduction

**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.**

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, And keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The 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.**

## The Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by our continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

First Reading: Acts 8.26-40

<sup>26</sup> An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm 22.24-30

All the ends of the earth shall bow before him

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My praise is of him in the great assembly,

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

And those who see the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!' *Response*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

And all the families of the nations shall bow before him,

For kingship belongs to the Lord;

He rules over the nations. *Response*

To him alone all who sleep in the earth

Bow down in worship;

All who go down to the dust

Fall before him. *Response*

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;

They shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

The saving deeds that he has done. *Response*

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the Word of Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -  
They came with me and the dance went on.

*Dance, then....*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die.

*Dance, then....*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

*Dance, then....*

Sydney Carter

GOSPEL: John 15 .1-8

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**

The Lord be with you: **and also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

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

The Sermon

The Creed

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God, from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

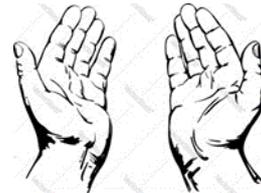
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Intercessions

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer** or

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**



*We are all praying for Mirela, and Steve (Mother Jan's nephew)*

*from St Peter's:*

Agnes, Charys, Celia, Cherry, Christine, Clive, Geraint, Harriet, Lesley, Margaret, Mark, Maria, Michael, Orlando, Paul and Lucy, Paul McKenzie, Pete, Ruth, Sam, Sarah Banford

*from St Saviour's:*

Andy, Belinda, Bruno, Charles, Claire Foster-Gilbert, Harvey, Jean, Joanne, John, Nicholas, Norah, Sarah, Sue, Susanna, Zalan

The prayers end with these words:

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, 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.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn

1

I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

2

As Christ breaks bread for and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

3

And thus with joy we meet our Lord,  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known;  
we see, and praise him here.

4

Together met, together bound,  
We'll go our different ways,  
And as his people in the world,  
We'll live and speak his praise.

*Brian A. Wren*

### The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us**

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.**

## Eucharistic prayer

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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 eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread**

**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.**

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that you are present  
in the most holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,**

**come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you as if you were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to you.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### The Post Communion Prayers

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

**Father of all,**

**we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off**

**you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;**

**we who drink his cup bring life to others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## The Final Hymn

1

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.

2

God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

3

God is Love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees*

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

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**