

# Holy Communion for the **EASTER SEASON**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Please feel free to sit or stand as you feel most comfortable. Congregational responses are usually shown in **bold type**, where these are also in *italics* they are normally sung.



## **WELCOME & Introduction**

**Presiding: Revd Jim**

**Preacher: Canon Simon**

**Deacon: Gerda**

Lord of all life, God of Easter  
all living things reflect your glory.  
Restore and heal all that is wounded  
Roll back the stone of prejudice and fear  
Release the signs of spring

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**HYMN 736 - Name of all majesty**

***Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery,  
Jesus is Lord!***

***Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
see now what God has done  
sending his only Son,  
Christ the beloved One,  
Jesus is Lord!***

***Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie,  
Jesus is Lord!***

***Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
so with the ransomed, we  
praise him eternally,  
Christ in his majesty,  
Jesus is Lord!***

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Deacon Gerda

In the light of the risen son

We worship today

**Faithful one, whose word is life:**

**come with saving power**

**to free our praise,**

**inspire our prayer**

**and shape our lives**

**for the kingdom of your Son,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **Invitation to CONFESSION**

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.

### **Confession (*please sit or kneel*)**

When we do not live in the joy of the resurrection  
but are caught up in the demands of the world

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

When there are no signs of spring in our hearts  
And we neglect to care for our world

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

When we fail to see Christ in friend and stranger  
And we fail to see Christ in ourselves

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord **Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the Gloria*

***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** *(Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet)*

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**READINGS** *(please sit)*

**Isaiah 55.1-11**

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and

your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **1 John 5.1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 238 - *Come down, O love divine.***

***Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.***

***O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.***

***Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.***

***And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.***

Bianco Da Siena (d.1434)

*Translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

Please remain standing for the **GOSPEL READING**

**John 15: 9-17 Read by Canon Simon**

Jesus is risen from the dead

**Alleluia!**

He has defeated death

**Alleluia!**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing

**Alleluia!**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

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

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**SERMON Canon Simon**

*We stand to affirm our Faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** lead by Sarah

*Please sit or kneel*

*These responses may be used*

Risen Christ Jesus

**Open the tombs of our hearts**

*at the end*

God of the Easter faith

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



## *Banns of Marriage, Notices and time of sharing*

### **THE PEACE** *(please stand)*

*These words may be used*

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 risen Christ be always with you

**And also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** 454 - *Love is his word.*

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared]

***Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with all, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way:  
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.***

***Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark:  
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.***

*Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
"This is my body, this is my blood" -  
love, only love, is his sign:  
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

*Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' -  
love, only love, is his news:  
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

*Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
sisters and brothers, parents and kin,  
love, only love, is his name:  
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

*Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his  
'Love one another, I have loved you'  
love, only love, is his law.  
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

*Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
love, only love, is his word:  
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

Luke Connaughton (1917–1979)

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread

**May we recognise you as the fire that burns within us  
that we may bring light to your world. Amen**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*[Please sit or kneel - The choir may remain standing]*

*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.***

We praise you for Jesus Christ,  
risen to life, eternal as your love.  
With the women at the tomb,  
we raise the strain of gladness.

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead,  
and we share his risen life.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And now we give you thanks that  
The day of resurrection has come,  
scattering fear and gloom.  
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,  
and with angels and archangels,  
to proclaim the glory of your name

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.***

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever praising you and singing

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

***Amen.***

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 forever.**

**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.**

*The Agnus Dei*

***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.***

Come to this table, because Jesus loved you and gave himself for you.  
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing, it is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a **HYMN** is also sung during Communion. (Please remain seated)

**Anthem:**        *I give you a new commandment (Aston)*

Hymn: *Above all powers*

*Above all powers, above all kings  
above all nature and all created things;  
above all wisdom and all the ways of man, you were here before the world  
began.*

*Above all kingdoms, above all thrones  
above all wonders the world has ever known;  
above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure  
what you're worth.*

*Crucified, laid behind a stone;  
you lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,  
you took the fall, and thought of me,  
above all.*

REPEAT

Lenny LeBlanc (b. 1951) & Paul Baloche (b. 1962)

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love,  
we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.

We are now commissioned to:  
feed as we have been fed,  
forgive as we have been forgiven,  
love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

HYMN 748 - *O Jesus, I have promised. (starred verse 2 omitted).*

*O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.*



*O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.*

*O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.*

John Ernest Bode (1816–1874)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed Alleluia!**

## THE BLESSING

The God of peace,  
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
That great shepherd of the sheep,  
Through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
Make us perfect in every good work to do his will,  
Working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you,  
be upon those you love, pray for and care for  
now and for evermore.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia

**In the name of Christ**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

