



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

Easter Sunday

The congregation's responses are in bold

Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

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 pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Almighty God, Your son opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

The first commandment is this, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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.

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.

May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

**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

**God of glory,
by the raising of your Son you have broken
the chains of death and hell, fill your
Church with faith and hope; for a new day
has dawned and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Acts 10: 34-43

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

The Gospel is announced

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

At the end of the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.
That we may live as those who believe in the
triumph of the cross.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That all people may receive the good news of his victory.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God. **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 they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Hymn

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St Peter & St Paul Ewhurst

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In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath

Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man

Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Preparation of the Table

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day.

Having received so much, we offer what we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom.

Bless these gifts for the work of your church.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

And now we give you thanks

Because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned. The long reign of sin is ended,

a broken world is being restored

and humanity is once again made whole.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels 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.

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 the 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 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, loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

You too can take this, yet in faith.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he
shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that
he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by
faith with thanksgiving.

The Giving of Communion

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 the risen life, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

Hymn

Thine be the Glory, risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death has won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.

*Thine be the Glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death has 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.

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.

Dismissal

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you 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.
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. **Amen**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.