



Holy Communion with Baptism All Saints' Church

Easter Sunday
9 April 2023

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.

*We ask that you do **not publish photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

The service begins as the congregation gather at the Easter Garden in the church yard.

BLESSING THE EASTER GARDEN

Minister Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
To you be glory now and for ever.
In your great mercy you have given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
By your blessing,
may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We then come into church singing our first hymn.

HYMN

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia.
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia.
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.
- 2 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.

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

Lyra Davidica (1708) and others

THE EASTER CANDLE

The ministers remain at the back of the church for the lighting of the Easter candle.

Minister Christ yesterday and today,
All the beginning and the end,

Minister Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
All to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

Minister By his holy and glorious wounds
 may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.
All Amen.

The president lights the Easter candle with a taper, saying:

Minister May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
 banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The ministers and the candle bearer pause at the font, halfway down the church, and at the front. The candle is raised each time as the deacon says:

Deacon The light of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

The candle is placed in the stand and the altar candles are lit from the Paschal candle as the minister says

This is the day
when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead,
crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God
as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light.

May we, and all Christ's people,
shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GREETING

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome may be said.

INTRODUCTION

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit, and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity,
and God calls us to fullness of life.

COLLECT

Minister Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

READING Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

'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.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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GOSPEL READING Matthew 28.1-10

All/choir Alleluia! [x4]

Cantor I am the first and the last, and the living one;
I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore.

All/choir Alleluia! [x4]

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION ON BAPTISM

After the Reflection silence may be kept.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISM CANDIDATES

The minister invites the baptism candidates, parents and godparents to join them.

Minister Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.

We thank God for *Donny* and *Noah*
who have come to be baptised today.
Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *Donny* and *Noah* as they begin their journey of faith?

All We will.

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

All We will.

The minister asks the parents and godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents,
you speak for *Donny* and *Noah* today.

Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?

Parents and godparents reply:

We will.

Minister Will you support them on their journey of faith?

We will.

THE DECISION

Minister We all wander far from God and lose our way.
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask you:
Do you turn away from sin?

The baptism candidates reply:

I do.

Minister Do you reject evil?

I do.

Minister Do you turn to Christ as saviour?

I do.

Minister Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross using the oil of Chrism on the forehead of each candidate, saying:

Minister *[N]*, Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ crucified. You are his forever.

When all the candidates have received the sign of the cross, we say together:

**All Stand bravely with him against all powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

Minister May almighty God
deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The minister, candidates, parents and godparents move to the font, the congregation turns towards the font:

Minister We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Minister Let us affirm,
together with *Donny* and *Noah* who are being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

All **I believe and trust in him.**

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

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Minister 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?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Minister This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

BAPTISM

The minister pours water on each candidate, saying:

Minister *[N]*, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

After each candidate is baptised the congregation respond:

All Amen.

Minister *Donny and Noah,*
today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.
God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life,
and to bring you safely to heaven.
In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people
you must explore the way of Jesus
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people, and in serving others.
With us you will listen to the word of God
and receive the gifts of God.

WELCOME AND PEACE

Minister There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Minister We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
All and also with you.

HYMN

Chorus *Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth:
he is the King of creation:

- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen:
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ:
now we shall live for ever:
- 4 God has proclaimed the just reward:
life for the world, alleluia:
- 5 Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

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TABLE PRAYER

We remain standing as the minister prays:

Minister With this bread that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.

Minister With this wine that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.

Minister Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
All We shall remember Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The great thanksgiving prayer of the church, for which we remain standing:

Minister The Lord is here.
All His spirit is with us.

Minister Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Choir/All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**Choir/All Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Seeking the salvation of the world,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Choir/All **Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us your peace [x4].**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion. During the giving of communion the choir sing:

COMMUNION MOTET

1 This joyful Eastertide,
 away with sin and sorrow.
 My Love, the Crucified,
 hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Chorus Had Christ, that once was slain,
 ne'er burst his three-day prison,
 our faith had been in vain:
 but now hath Christ arisen.*

2 My flesh in hope shall rest,
 and for a season slumber:
 till trump from east to west
 shall wake the dead in number:

3 Death's flood hath lost its chill,
 since Jesus crossed the river:
 Lover of souls, from ill
 my passing soul deliver:

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

HYMN

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| 1 All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship him alone. | 2 I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile us to God.
Forever you will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee
and worship you alone. |
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world,
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

All Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us;
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

1 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.

*Chorus Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2 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:

3 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:

A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité - Edmond Budry (1854–1932), tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875–1939)

NOTICES

BLESSING

Minister God, who in his Christ gives us
a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The minister gives each of the baptised a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) candle, saying:

Minister God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

*Donny and Noah, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.*

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

DISMISSAL

Minister Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Lefebure~Wely: Sortie in E flat

*There is **no collection take** during the service
but if you would like to contribute to the work of this church,
please do leave cash donations on the plate by the door
or make a contactless donation using the payment machine by the door.*

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Hilly S, Diana B, Peter S, Andre.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Margaret Lucy Stephenson, Ricky David Biggs, Frank Edward Gadd, William Clive Bellamy, Peggy Willard, Mary Gormand, Phyllis Irene Neville, Rose Lymn, Benjamin Walker, James Scobie, Ken Metcalf, Terry Jeffrey, Sylvia Patrick, Ian Mullis, Susan Bailey.

PRAY FOR A NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP

The process for appointing our next Diocesan Bishop continues. Please pray for the process, for the people directly involved and for the person whom God is calling to be our new Bishop.

*God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be His Body in this place;
send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change,
to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer,
that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our communities;
guide us with your heavenly wisdom as we seek to find our new Bishop,
that the one who we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example
in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

DIARY

Mon 10 Apr

Easter Monday

Tues 11 Apr

9:00-9:30

Zoom

Morning Prayer

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

14:00-15:00

Saints Andrew's Hall

Tea @2

Wed 12 Apr

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

10:30-12:30

All Hallows

open to the public

12:15-13:00

All Hallows

Midweek Eucharist

Thurs 13 Apr

9:00-9:30

Zoom

Morning Prayer

10:00-10:30

All Saints

Holy Communion

Fri 14 Apr

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

Sat 15 Apr

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

10:30-12:30

All Hallows

open to the public

Sun 16 Apr

2nd Sunday of Easter

9:15-10:15

All Saints

Eucharist

11:15-12:15

All Hallows

Eucharist

18:00-19:00

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