



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Easter Sunday

5 April 2026

A warm welcome to our worship on this glorious Easter morning when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Whether a regular or a visitor, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope that you will enjoy the service.

*All you need to **follow the service** is contained in this leaflet. For a large print, ask the person who gave you this leaflet. Please join in the responses in bold.*

We serve refreshments before the service, feel free to take your drink to your pew for the start of the service.

*We don't take cash collection during the service, however we welcome **donations** towards our mission and ever increasing maintenance costs. These can be left in the collection plate or be made using our contactless card machine at the entrance. Alternatively you can scan the QR code on the last page.*

The Easter anthem sung by the choir only

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.
Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more,
death has no more dominion over him.

For in that, he died unto sin once, but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead, and became the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

The Easter candle

The ministers gather at the back of the church.

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 saying:

Minister May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The altar party move forward, pausing 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 Easter candle is placed in its stand and the altar candles are lit.

Minister 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!

Hymn

- 1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.
- 2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.
- 3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.
- 4 Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.
- 5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.
- 6 All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

Chorus novæ Jerusalem. St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028) translated by Robert Campbell (1814–1868)

Greeting

Minister In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome may be said.

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 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.

Confession

Deacon 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.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence may be kept.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Minister May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria

All/choir Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God heav'nly 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, amen.**

Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.

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.

All Amen.

First 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading Colossians 3.1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel reading John 20.1-18

All/choir Alleluia!

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!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

Renewal of baptismal vows

Minister In baptism,

God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means
dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Minister Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Minister Do you repent of the sins
that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Minister Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Minister Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Minister Do you come to Christ,
the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

Minister May almighty God
who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you the strength to continue in the way.

Prayers of Intercession

Minister Let us pray to the Father,
who loved the world so much
that he sent his only Son to give us life.

This response may be included:

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

Peace

Minister 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.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

We share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Preparation of the table

Anthem S. S. Wesley: Blessed be the God and Father

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which,
according to his abundant mercy,

hath begotten us again unto a lively hope

by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you,

who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as He which has called you is holy,

so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.

See that ye love one another.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.

See that ye love, that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed,

but incorruptible, by the Word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.

The grass withered and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Table prayer

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.

Eucharistic prayer

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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
say for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All/choir Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Minister 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 cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Minister 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 [*N and*] 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, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All 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.

All/choir Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us peace.

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.

Communion hymns

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
- 1 Christ the Lord is risen again,
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high, *Alleluia!*
- 2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;
we too sing for joy, and say *Alleluia!*
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry:
Alleluia!
- 4 He whose path no records tell,
who descended into hell,
who the strong man armed hath bound,
now in highest heaven is crowned.
Alleluia!
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.
- 5 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings. *Alleluia!*
- 6 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven. *Alleluia!*
- 7 Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away:
let us sing by night and day *Alleluia!*

*St John of Damascus (c.675–c.750)
translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)*

*Christus ist erstande- Michael Weisse (c.1480–1534)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)*

Prayer after Communion

Minister 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 his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **We thank you, Lord, that you have
fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. 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), translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Blessing

Minister 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 you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The people and ministers depart.

Organ voluntary C. S. Lang: Tuba Tune

Our prayers are asked for

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Carol, Kay G, Diana Brown, Jo Thraves, Glennis Eades, Rita Hawkes, William, Steve Cavender, Ann, Shirley Crowhurst, Michael Englefield, Geoff and Diane Johnson.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman, Jenny Attewell, Margaret Eady, Richard Hole.

To add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then please email Pat Thomas (pat_@hotmail.co.uk).

Remember the departed

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Frederick Lambert, George Hacksley, Jean Butler, Sharon Keevil, Margaret Stephenson, Ricky Biggs, Frank Gadd, William Bellamy, Elspeth Gordon, Ian Cox, Baby Kevin Thomas, Ernest Fensome, Baby Dodkins, Angela Pelling, Marjory Riley, Olive Butler, Graham Spencer, Michael Thompson, Charles Saunby, Rose Lymn, Benjamin Walker, James Scobie, Ken Metcalf.

Notices

No morning prayer on Easter Monday 6 April.

Said Eucharist Tuesday 7 April 10:00, All Saints.

Bible Studies on St Mark's Gospel Tuesday 7 April 14:00, All Hallows' Hall; and Monday 13 April 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Concert of The King's Men Sunday 26 April 17:00, All Hallows. Tickets: adult £20, under 16 £5, from Tony (07867 554476 / TonyE1960@aol.

Diary

Mon 6 Apr	Easter Monday	
18:30-19:15	All Saints	Organ lesson
Tues 7 Apr		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-10:30	All Saints	said Eucharist
14:00-15:00	All Hallows' Hall	Bible study
Wed 8 Apr		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee
10:30-13:00	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-13:00	All Hallows	Holy Communion
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
Thurs 9 Apr		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Fri 10 Apr	William Law	
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
Sat 11 Apr		
9:30-12:30	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	All Saints	coffee morning
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 12 Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter	
9:15-10:15	All Saints	sung Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	sung Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline

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