



**Easter Sunday**

*Welcome to St Paul's.  
We hope you feel at home here. Please stay  
for refreshments after the service and say hello.*

*If you'd like to find out more about the church,  
please complete a welcome card –  
available near the entrance –  
and we'll be in touch.*

*If you would like to give during this service,  
a plate and a card machine are available near the  
entrance. Please gift aid if you're able to do so.*



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## A warm welcome to all

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*Stand*

### Gathering

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Hymn

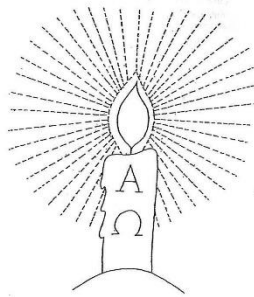
*Remain standing at the end of the hymn*

### Lighting of Easter Candle

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

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Sung to 'Camberwell', often used for  
'At the name of Jesus'*

### Gloria

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given:  
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,  
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:

with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,  
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,  
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven  
adores:

in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

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**Collect** Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

*Remain standing for the gospel reading*

**Gospel reading** 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.

*(Revelation 1: 17–18)*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to ...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Talk** *Sit. Children are welcome to come to the front.*

**Hymn** *Stand to sing. After hymn, sit for the prayers.*

**Prayers of intercession** Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
and let us thank God for his goodness.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

## *Stand*

**Reaffirmation of our faith** As we celebrate again the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that as we died with him in baptism, so we will rise with him to new life. Let us, therefore, renew the promises made at our baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

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

**I 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?

**I 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?

**I 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.**

**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!

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.

*We share the peace with our neighbours, greeting them*

*During the hymn the children leave for an Easter egg hunt; the offertory is presented.*

## Hymn

*Sit*

## Communion Prayer

The Lord is risen.

**He is risen indeed.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this Easter Day  
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  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

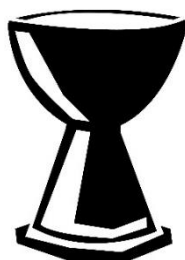
*Tune 952 in hymnbook*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd 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.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**The Lord's  
Prayer**

**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**

**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.**

*Tune 952 in hymnbook*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**Invitation to  
Communion**

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing*

**Prayer**

**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. **Amen.****

**Hymn**

*Remain seated if there are notices, then stand to  
sing.*

**God, who through the resurrection**

## **Blessing**

of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
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.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

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**St Matthew with St Paul**  
*Pilgrims on a journey*