



Easter Day 2019

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Choir

*This is the day* – Robert Eather

Processional Hymn

*Light's reddening dawn* [TIS 360]

**Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victory;**

***alleluia, alleluia!***

**The glad earth shouts her triumph high  
and groaning hell makes wild reply:**

***alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!***

**While our Lord Christ, the mighty king,  
despoiling death of all its sting (*alleluia ...*)  
and trampling down the powers of night  
brings forth his ransomed souls to light. (*alleluia ...*)**

**His tomb of late the threefold guard  
of watch and stone and steel had barred; (*alleluia ...*)  
but now in power and triumph high  
he comes from death to victory. (*alleluia ...*)**

**The pains of hell are loosed at last;  
the days of mourning now are past; (*alleluia ...*)  
an angel robed in light has said,  
'The Lord is risen from the dead!' (*alleluia ...*)**

**From every weapon death can wield  
your own redeemed for ever shield: (*alleluia ...*)  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide. (*alleluia ...*)**

Anon. Latin, c. 7<sup>th</sup> cent. *tr.* John Mason Neale, 1818–66. *alt.*

## Easter Greeting

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Scripture Sentence

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Luke 24:34

## Prayer of Approach

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Absolution

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis*.

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.***

Collect of Easter Day.

Brightness of God's glory,  
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:  
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,  
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;  
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,  
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.  
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,  
As the First and Last,  
Alpha and Omega,  
the Living One,  
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Acts 10:34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “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.”

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Easter Anthems

Choir

*Response*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Ian Forrester  
1956–

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:



but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.  
In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living, he lives to God.  
See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.  
For since by one man came death:  
by another has come also the resurrection of the dead,  
For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

APBA, 423

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

*At the dawning of salvation* [TIS 392]

**At the dawning of salvation;  
in the morning of the world,  
Christ is raised, a living banner  
by the love of God unfurled.  
Through the daylight, through the darkness,  
Christ leads on his great array:  
all the saints and all the sinners  
he has gathered on his way.**

**He is risen in the morning,  
he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness,  
he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered, he has triumphed,  
life is his alone to give:  
as he gave it once he gives it  
evermore, that we may live.**

**For the glory of salvation  
in the dawn of Easter day  
we will praise you, loving Father;  
we rejoice to sing and pray  
with the Son and with the Spirit.  
Lead us on, your great array,  
saints and sinners celebrating  
your triumphant love today.**

Jock Curle, 1919 –



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISM COVENANT

*When the congregation has gathered near the font, or turned towards the font, the celebrant says:*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Servant Christ,

help us to follow you deep into the waters of Baptism;

to link our lives with all who grieve

about the unjust way of our human life;

to break free from the chains of past wrongs;

to become fit to face your coming new age;

to be renewed by your Spirit, anointed to preach.

**Servant Christ,**

**Help us to follow you deep into the waters of Baptism.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human person?

**I will, with God's help.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*The Summons* [A&M 510]

**Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?**

**Will you leave your self behind, if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free, and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around?  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true, when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.**

John L. Bell, b. 1949

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.*

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## THE OFFERTORY

### Offertory Hymn

*Christ is alive, with joy we sing [TIS 393]*

**Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**He is the grain of wheat that died,  
sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
yielding a harvest of new life.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**He is the sun which brings the dawn:  
he is the light of all world,  
setting us free from death and sin.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**He is the vine set in the earth,  
sharing our life, from birth to death,  
but we might share in God's own life.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**He is the bread that comes from God,  
broken to feed us in our need,  
given to bring eternal life.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Pamela Stotter, 1944 –

*The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name.  
for ever 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.**



Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*A minister may say*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

*The celebrant breaks the bread.*

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy.  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

*All the children of God have a place at God's Table.*

*Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.*

*Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited simply to cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available on request.*

Communion anthem

Choir

*O sons and daughters, let us sing – (O filii et filiae, arr. John Barnard)*

Notices

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## Mission Hymn

*Jesus Christ is risen today* [TIS 362]

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holiday, alleluia!  
who so lately on the cross alleluia!  
suffered 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 pain that he endured alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; alleluia!  
now exalted he is king, alleluia!  
and the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

Anon., *Lyra Davidica* 1708 alt.  
Based on a 14th-cent. ms.

## *The celebrant says*

Eternal God,  
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast  
walk in his risen light  
and bring new life to all creation.

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

*The celebrant blesses the congregation.*

The God of peace  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do God's will,  
working in you what is pleasing in God's sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*A minister may say*

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

## Organ Postlude

*Toccata in C – Stanley Vann*

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