

**Easter Day 9.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church – 17 April 2022**

***Opening words***

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ

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

***Hymn:*** See what a morning

***Confession:***

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.

**We serve a risen Saviour yet live as if in chains.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for being so hesitant to live the resurrection life.**

**Forgive us for failing to show through our lives the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross.**

**Forgive us for the fear in our lives that holds us back from the full potential you plan for us.**

**Draw us close.**

**Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ;**

**Open our hearts to the wonder of the Cross;**

**Open our hands in the service of your kingdom, the place where you have set us,**

**That your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.**

God of resurrection, of life and death and new life;

**Renew our hearts and minds**

God of promise, of all beginnings and all endings:

**Renew our hearts and minds**

God of hope, of new growth, and harvest:

**Renew our hearts and minds**

***Song:*** Jesus Christ is risen today

***Activity:*** Easter story

***Song:*** Come people of the Risen King

***Prayer – the Collect for Easter Day:***

**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.**

***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. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 24:1-12*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Talk***

***Song our belief:*** I believe there is a God in heaven

***Prayers***

Concluding with: **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 were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you; **and also with you. Alleluia.**

***Offertory Hymn:*** What love is this?

***The Communion***

**Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is OUR story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is OUR story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*We share bread and wine together.*

*During the sharing of communion there is an opportunity for prayer for healing. Please feel welcome to come to the 'prayer place' to the left of the dais.*

#### ***Prayer after communion***

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ***Notices***

***Closing Hymn:*** Thine be the Glory, risen conquering King

#### ***Blessing***

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

#### ***Dismissal***

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**