

Christ Church Holy Communion 9.30am on Easter Day 2023

Easter Acclamations

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, Alleluia

Lighting the Easter Candle

The leader, with the help of a volunteer, lights the Easter Candle

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you; **and also with you**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us; **Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever**

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen to-day

We say sorry to God and one another

This morning in the multi-coloured company of your Church on earth and in heaven we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection your interest in us, so we pray:

**Lord please bring new life, where we are worn and tired;
New love, where we have turned hard-hearted;
Forgiveness, where we have felt hurt and where we have wounded;
And the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
Where we are all prisoners of ourselves.**

Prayer of forgiveness

To all and to each, On his community and on his friends, Where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God;
Alleluia

Praise Songs: Lord I lift your name on high

Collect prayer for today

**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**

Gloria

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest
To him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever**

Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen,

Gospel Reading

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:1-18
Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 20:1-18

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

Sermon

Our belief

We say together in faith:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Prayers of intercession

(at the end) 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' and they were glad
The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

The Communion

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

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 thanks and praise.**

...And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory 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.

...Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We share bread and wine together

During the sharing of communion there will be an opportunity for prayer for healing. If you would like prayer or a simple blessing then please move to the 'prayer place' to the left of the dais where people are ready to pray with you.

Prayer after communion

Glory be to you God our strength and our redeemer; The empty cross and vacant tomb vindicate your claim that the love which suffers is the love which saves

**So fill your people with joy and our church with celebration,
that the world may know
that your holy son Jesus is not a dead hero we
commemorate but the loving Lord we worship,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be our praise for
ever. Amen**

Notices

Closing hymn: Thine be the glory

The Blessing

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love, in time and in eternity...

Amen.

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