

St John's, Harpenden



Parish Eucharist

*22nd May 2022
6th Sunday of Easter*

'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, here is the place where they laid him.' (Mark 16.6)

WELCOME

Please stand when the Procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 209: Loves redeeming work is done

1 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

The President introduces the service.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you + and free you from
your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to
new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

please sit for BIBLE READING Acts 16.9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

remain seated for the GRADUAL HYMN **454**

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood",
Love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."
Love, only love, is his news.

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
Sister and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 5.1-9

Stand as the Alleluia begins and turn to face the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

5After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

Sit for the SERMON

A short silence follows the Sermon.

Stand for THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he

was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. ✠Amen.

Sit or kneel for the INTERCESSIONS

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers,

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Stand for 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.

The Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Congregation share the Peace with those immediately around them, saying 'Peace be with you'.

Please stand for the OFFERTORY HYMN 678

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

During the Offertory hymn, the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the Altar.

Remain standing.

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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 sing
for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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!**

please sit or kneel

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

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 our Lady Mary, St John, St Alban
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we are bold to say:

**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.**

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.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Celebrant invites the people to Communion saying:

✠ Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All Baptised Christians who normally receive Communion in their own church are welcome to do so here.

If you would like to receive a Blessing, bow your head at the Altar rail.

Please follow the direction of the wardens.

Gluten free wafer are available

COMMUNION HYMN(S)

566 Put peace into each other's hands;

285 God, whose form is all creation

Remain kneeling or seated.

A short period of silence is kept after Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever
Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; through him we offer you our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Sit for the NOTICES

COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW PCC

This happens after the post communion prayer, before the blessing. The churchwardens and members of the PCC gather in front of the altar and the vicar joins them

Vicar The Parochial Church Council comprises elected members of the congregation who serve the community of this parish. Together with the churchwardens they are responsible for the management of many of the parochial affairs and work in close co-operation with the Vicar in respect of worship and pastoral needs. They are, of course, also responsible for St John's.

Members are expected to take a leading role in the life of the church and, by their example, be a source of encouragement to others. We pray that God will bless you in this ministry to this parish.

Will you commit yourselves to the work of God in this place, sharing in the life, work and worship of St John's, and seeking to further the gospel and mission of Christ's Church in this place?

PCC With the help of God, I will.

Vicar People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. As we commission the PCC today, will you, with them, and as baptised disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

All With the help of God, we will.

Vicar Will you, as the people of God here in this place, support and pray for them in their ministry?

All With the help of God, we will.

Vicar In silence let us pray for these PCC members, and for this parish in which they serve; that God will bless the commitment they have undertaken, to the glory of God.

Silence in kept

Vicar God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants now to be commissioned
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

The vicar commissions and blesses the new PCC

Vicar As Vicar, I commission you as the PCC for this Parish.
May God grant you grace, wisdom and joy as you live out this calling.
The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
✠ in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

All return to their places

FINAL HYMN 641 glorious things of thee are spoken

I Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken

formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

BLESSING AND EASTER DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, 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 upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Remain standing as a Voluntary begins and the Recession takes place.

<p>All are invited to join us for refreshments in the Church Hall after the service</p>

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