

*St John's, Harpenden*



# **Parish Eucharist**

*8<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 650 – Great is thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

## 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

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*please sit for* BIBLE READING Acts 9.36 – end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.\* She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter

put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*remain seated for the* GRADUAL HYMN **604**

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10.22-30

*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.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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 794i*

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow



my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

*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)

217 – The strife is o’er the battle won

221 – Yet choirs of new Jerusalem

*Remain kneeling or seated.*

*A short period of silence is kept after Communion.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,

and give us grace to follow in his steps;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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*

#### FINAL HYMN 769

I Rejoice! The Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above: [Refrain]

3 His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given: [Refrain]

4 He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet: [Refrain]

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home: [Refrain]

Refrain:

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

## 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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