



It is finished!

He is risen!

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St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 9th April 2023 **Easter Sunday**

The Easter acclamation

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

Processional Hymn

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY; Hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah!
Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss; Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah!
Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah!
Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah!
Sinners to redeem and save: Hallelujah!

But the pains which He endured; Hallelujah!
Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah!
Now in heaven above He's King; Hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing: Hallelujah!

The Renewal of Baptism Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we remember that through the paschal mystery we too have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him into eternal life.

So let us renew our baptismal promises,
affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.



Affirmation of Faith

let us affirm our faith as we say together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
and ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come to judge the living and the dead**

**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.**

Amen.

Hymn

*during the singing of the hymn you are welcome to come and
cross yourself with the water from the font as a sign of your renewal.*

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM! JESUS, OUR BLESSÈD REDEEMER;
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him, hail Him! highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honour give to His holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long;

Praise Him, Praise Him! tell of his excellent greatness
Praise Him, Praise Him! ever in joyful song

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer;
For our sins He suffered and bled and died.
He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound his praise, Jesus who bore all our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong

Praise Him, Praise Him! tell of his excellent greatness
Praise Him, Praise Him! ever in joyful song

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer;
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever,
Crown Him, crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious
Power and Glory unto the Lord belong

The Collect

**Lord of life and power,
through the mighty resurrection of your Son
you have overcome the old order of sin and death
and have made all things new in him.
May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Reading from Colossians 3.1-4

Since, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hymn

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 it's 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

The Gospel John 20.1-18

Alleluia, hear the Good News of our risen saviour

Glory to Christ our Saviour, hallelujah

Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. It was still dark. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance. So she ran to Simon Peter and another disciple, the one Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb! We don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. Both of them were running. The other disciple ran faster than Peter. He reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there. But he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came behind him. He went straight into the tomb and saw the strips of linen lying there. He also saw the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place. It was separate from the linen. The disciple who had reached the tomb first also went inside. He saw and believed.

They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she cried, she bent over to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white. They were seated where Jesus' body had been. One of them was where Jesus' head had been laid. The other sat where his feet had been placed.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said. "I don't know where they have put him."

Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. So she said, "Sir, did you carry him away? Tell me where you put him. Then I will go and get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him. Then she cried out in the Aramaic, "Rabboni!" Rabboni means Teacher. Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me. I have not yet ascended to the Father. Instead, go to those who believe in me. Tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news. She said, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn **HE IS LORD, He is Lord,**
He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Intercessions

The Peace

As the risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you, may the peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn

BEHOLD THE LAMB who bears our sins away slain for us,
and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you,
eat and remember; the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you,
drink and remember, He drained death's cup
that all may enter in, to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,
to respond and to remember,
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;**

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

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 him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope,

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power

to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb

and opened the gate of life,

we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending 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**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.

**In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now in every place for ever.**

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit

Before he was given up
to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples
he broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying: 'Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him,
we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
they may be to us the body and blood
of your redeeming love ,
and that we may be kindled
with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
**Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

The living bread is broken
for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As Christ has 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.

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.

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing at this time.

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious
and his mercy endures for ever

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 his grace and opened for us the gate of glory.

Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God the Father, who raised his son 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 with you now and always.

Amen.

Hymn

THINE BE THE GLORY, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!

Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;

Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;

Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;

Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

HAPPY EASTER