



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

## Welcome to John Keble Church

4 April 2021, 10am

Festal Eucharist, *Easter Day*

*As the bell rings during the few minutes before the start of the service please sit and take a moment of peace and quiet to prepare yourself for the Eucharist.*

It is wonderful to be back with live singing, something the choir has missed doing for so long. Unfortunately, for the time being, the congregation is still not allowed to join in with any singing.

*Please stand as the choir and ministers enter the church.*

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia      2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia      Unto Christ our heavenly king, Alleluia  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia      Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.      Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.

3 But the pains that he endured, Alleluia,  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia;  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia.

*Remain standing for THE GREETING:*

*Presider:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*THE RITE 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.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

*All: Lord, have mercy.*

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

*All: Christ, have mercy.*

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.

*All: Lord, have mercy.*

*THE ABSOLUTION:*

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. *All: Amen.*

*We remain standing as the choir sings THE GLORIA:*

**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. 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. 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:*

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. *All: Amen*

*All sit to read alternate verses of PSALM 118: 14-24*

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

**15 Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:**

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

**17 I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Please remain seated for the FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34-43*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup>'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*All stand to greet THE GOSPEL*

*THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 16: 1-8*

*Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

*All: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told

you.”’ 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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

*THE SERMON – all sit.*

*All stand to say THE NICENE 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.**

*Presider:* In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

*All sit or kneel for the INTERCESSIONS:*

That our risen Saviour may fill us all with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ... we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ... we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ... we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter ... we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world ... we pray to the Father.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ... we pray to the Father.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day ... we pray to the Father.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Following the intercessions all **stand** for THE PEACE:*

*Presider:* 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.

*All:* **And also with you. Alleluia**

*Minister:* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Following THE PEACE, the bell is tolled three times to indicate the offering of our hearts to God.*

*All **sit or kneel** for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption 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 arch-angels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*All:*           **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.**

*The Presider continues:*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*Minister:*   Christ is the bread of life:

*All:*           **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

*The Presider continues:*

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All:*           **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The bell tolls three times to indicate that the bread and wine have been consecrated for the whole community.*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:*

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

*Presider:* Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

*All:* **Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

*The AGNES DEI will be sung by the choir:*

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*COMMUNION HYMN:*

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.

<sup>2</sup> Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ has burst the gates of hell;

Death in vain forbids his rise;

Christ has opened Paradise.

<sup>3</sup> Lives again our glorious King;

Where, O Death, is now thy sting?

Dying once, he all doth save;

Where thy victory, O grave?

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Praise to thee by both be given:

Thee we greet triumphant now;

Hail, the Resurrection thou!

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:*

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: 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.**

*FINAL HYMN:*

The Day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

<sup>2</sup> Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own "All hail" and hearing,  
may raise the victor strain

<sup>3</sup> Now let the heavens be joyful  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen  
our joy that hath no end.

*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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All: Amen.*

*THE DISMISSAL:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**