

# Parish Communion on Easter Day



**St. James, Hampton Hill**

# The Gathering

## Hymn

## The Greeting

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

**All** **Amen.**

*President* The Lord be with you

**All** **and also with you.**

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## Prayers at the Easter Garden

*One of those who prepared the Garden says*

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.' *Matthew 28.5,6*

*President* Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation,  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us  
a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
from the dead.

By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All**            **Blessèd be God for ever.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*President*      Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*President*      Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

**All**            **Lord, have mercy.**

*President*      Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.

**All**            **Christ, have mercy.**

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

**All**            **Lord, have mercy.**

*President*      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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All**      **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**

*President*      Let us pray.  
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.**

# ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*Please sit*

## **First Reading**      *Acts 10.34-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 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.**

*Please remain seated*

## **Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 117*

*Choir* Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.  
Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.

**All** **Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.  
Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, alleluia.**

*Choir* Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
praise God all you peoples.  
Alleluia.  
Strong is God's love and mercy,  
always faithful for ever. Alleluia.

**All** **Sing praise and bless the Lord...**

*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia.  
Let ev'rything living give praise to the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Let ev'rything living give praise to the Lord.

**All** **Sing praise and bless the Lord...**

## Second Reading

*Colossians 3.1-4*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

## Gospel Reading

*John 20.1-18*

*President* The Lord be with you.

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

*President* Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. .

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*As the procession moves to the font we sing a hymn*

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
gives his Body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the Priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.**

*President*      My brothers and sisters,  
                      through the paschal mystery  
                      we have been buried with Christ  
                      in baptism,  
                      so that we may rise with him to a new life.  
                      Now that we have completed our  
                      observance of Lent,  
                      let us renew the promises  
                      we made in baptism,  
                      affirming once more our allegiance to Christ  
                      and our rejection of all that is evil.  
                      Therefore I ask

Do you turn to Christ?  
**All I turn to Christ.**  
 Do you repent of your sins?  
**All I repent of my sins.**  
 Do you renounce evil?  
**All I renounce evil?**

*President* Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
 the faith of the Church.  
 Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

*President* Do you believe and trust  
 in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
 our Lord,  
 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;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the  
 right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living  
 and the dead.**

*President* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**All 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.**

*President* Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the  
household of faith with all who have been  
baptized into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made  
perfect in your Son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

**All** Amen.

*President* May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**All** Amen.

*As the procession returns to the front of the church we sing*

**Mighty victor from on high,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
Now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
thou hast opened Paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
sin alone can this destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee  
with the Spirit ever be.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

# ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

*President*     The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

**All**             The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*President*     Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## **Hymn**

*The bread and wine will be brought forward and a collection taken*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

*President*     Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink: keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**             **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*President* The Lord is here.  
**All** **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.  
**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* 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:

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*President* Lord, you are holy indeed,  
the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ;  
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.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*Choir* *Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life,  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

**All** **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life,  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*President* And so, Father,  
calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of  
the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we,  
in the company of James and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All**            **Amen.**

*Silence will be kept*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*President*      Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All**            **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*President* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**All** **Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*President* Alleluia.  
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Please come up for communion or a blessing  
All whose custom it is to receive holy communion are  
welcome to do so now*

*The Choir will sing during communion*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence will be kept*

*President* Let us pray.  
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.**

**All** **You have opened to us the Scriptures,  
O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Notices will be given*

## Hymn

## The Blessing

*President* The Lord be with you.

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

*President* God the Father,  
by whose love Christ  
was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gate  
of everlasting life.

**All** **Amen.**

*President* God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won  
a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All** **Amen.**

*President* God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed  
into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All** **Amen.**

*President* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** **Amen.**

*President* With the power that raised Jesus  
from the dead at work within us,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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