



CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Easter Day



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9am



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THE ENTRANCE

MASS SETTING: *John Rutter*

ORGAN PRELUDE: *'Christ ist erstanden', BWV 627 – J.S.Bach*
(*Christ is risen*)

OPENING HYMN 388

Tune: LLANFAIR

- 1** Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.
- 2** See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia,
from the tomb where once he lay, alleluia;
he has risen as he said, alleluia,
glorious firstborn from the dead, alleluia.
- 3** Mary, Mother, greet your Son, alleluia,
radiant from his triumph won, alleluia;
by his cross you shared his pain, alleluia,
so for ever share his reign, alleluia.
- 4** Magd'len, wipe away your tears, alleluia:
he has come who calms your fears, alleluia;
hear the Master speak your name, alleluia;
turn to him with heart aflame, alleluia.
- 8** Christ, the victor over death, alleluia,
breathes on us the Spirit's breath, alleluia.
Paradise is our reward, alleluia,
endless Easter with our Lord, alleluia!

James Quinn (b.1919)

The Greeting

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

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie eleison (sung by all)

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

The Priest says the Absolution.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria (sung by all)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 for Easter Day

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share in your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118 (1-2, 14-24)

sung by the Choir

Thalban-Ball / Elvey

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

The sound of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.

I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.

The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.

Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.

I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament Reading

Acts 10. 34-43

Reader: 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.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored:
in your resurrection be adored.*

- 1 Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored:
in your resurrection be adored.*

- 2 Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen:
death has no more victory,
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

By your kingly power, O risen Lord ...

- 3 Death has lost and life has won;
every newborn soul we christen
has the Father's child become:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

By your kingly power, O risen Lord ...

James Phillip McAuley (1917-76)

The Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong

The musical notation is a single line of plainsong in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia'. The first phrase has a dotted quarter note on 'Al', a quarter note on 'le', a quarter note on 'lu', and a half note on 'ia'. The second phrase has a quarter note on 'al', a quarter note on 'le', a quarter note on 'lu', and a half note on 'ia'. The third phrase has a quarter note on 'al', a quarter note on 'le', a quarter note on 'lu', and a half note on 'ia'. The notes are connected by a long slur across the entire phrase.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us,
let us celebrate the feast.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16. 1-8

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.'

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

*Organ Acclamation: Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628 – J.S.Bach
(The holy Christ is risen)*

The Sermon: The Reverend Bill Crossman

ANTHEM: *This joyful Eastertide – arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)*

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers are offered during which periods of silence may be kept.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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.**

All stand

The congregation is asked to turn and face the font

The Decision

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

The waters of baptism are now sprinkled over the people.

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized in 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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

Let us now proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised, and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

The clergy and sanctuary party now return to the Sanctuary.

THE GREETING OF 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.

Alleluia!

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

We all exchange a COVID safe sign of peace.

- 1 Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 He is the grain of wheat that died,
sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 3 He is the sun which brings the dawn:
he is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4 He is the vine set in the earth,
sharing our life, from birth to death,
that we might share in God's own life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 He is the bread that comes from God,
broken to feed us in our need,
given to bring eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 6 Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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 do we give you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit
was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread
and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat
and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei (sung by 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 your peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Communicant Christians of other church traditions
are invited also to receive Communion.*

CHOIR MOTET: *Most Glorious Lord of Life - William Harris (1883-1973)*

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
and having harrowed hell,
didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
may live for ever in felicity.

And that thy love we weighing worthily,
may likewise love thee for the same again;
and for thy sake, for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Post-Communion Sentence (*sung by the choir*)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, Alleluia:
Let us celebrate the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity
and truth, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal God, you have brought us life
and hope through these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with your Spirit and unite us in your peace and love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

THANKSGIVING HYMN 370

Tune: EASTER HYMN

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today:
Halleluja!
Let the whole creation say:
Halleluja!
Raise your joys and triumphs high:
Halleluja!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply:
*Halleluja!***
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won;
vain the stone, the watch, the seal:
Christ has burst the gates of hell.**

- 3 Lives again our glorious king;
where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where your 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.

Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised 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 amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Prelude & Fugue in D, BWV 532 – J.S.Bach*

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