

# EASTER DAY 2020

Festal Family Eucharist

10 am



John Coburn, *Hosanna in the Highest*, 1993



**ST ANDREW'S**  
**BRIGHTON**

The Reverend Ian Morrison SCP, Vicar  
The Reverend Michelle Wang, Assistant Curate

The worship of the Church over these three great days past.....

Over these past days, from Maundy Thursday evening to Good Friday and the emptiness of Saturday (Easter Eve), we have been on a journey of faith and imagination. Our services have been without an ending or a blessing as each flowed into the next. Our worship culminated today, **Easter Day**. The **Paschal candle**, the symbol of Christ is lit. It image the resurrection from the dead of the Light of the World, a light which no darkness can overcome, as St John's gospel states. The Paschal Candle takes its name from the Greek word *Pasch* meaning Passover. This indicates that Christ leads us from death to life, just as once Moses led God's people from slavery in Egypt to new life in the promised land. In the scriptures readings of the Vigil we heard again the history of redemption.

**The Easter (Paschal) Candle**, is marked with traditional symbols: the cross, the symbol of life and death; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega; a reminder that Christ is the beginning and end of all things; the numerals of the current year, a reminder that the Lord of all ages is present here and now; and five nails inserted to symbolise the wounds of Christ. The Candle will burn all day today, and every time we gather for worship during the **fifty days of Easter** until Pentecost. After that time, it will be lit for baptism, confirmation, and for funerals.

Today we renew the vows made at our baptism. **Baptism and Easter** are intimately linked. Baptism used to take place only at Easter in the early church. By renewing our vows today we complete our Lenten preparation. We affirm our identity as Christ's own, a people called to be the Body of Christ in the world today.

The climax of our Easter worship is the Eucharist in which we are sacramentally reunited with the Risen Lord. Like the first disciples we too are all invited to the Lord's table that we might know him in the breaking of the bread. Easter Day begins the greatest season of all in our church year. Today we commence the great fifty days leading to **Ascension** and **Pentecost**. In our worship we do not simply recall past events. We celebrate the risen Lord who is present now with no less reality than on that first Easter Day, and whose saving work of love continues through all time.

## EASTER DAY FAMILY EUCHARIST

*The people's responses are printed in **bold**.*

✠ indicates points at which the congregation may make the sign of the cross. Other explanations are contained in notes - the suggested actions by the congregation are not obligatory and are to be followed only according to each person's custom or desire.

**INTROIT** 'This Joyful Eastertide', sung by Christopher Roache  
Director of Music at St Andrew's Brighton

### Gathering in the Lord's name

*The priest greets the congregation*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us  
keep the feast. 1 Corinthians 5.7-8

### HYMN

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

Melody from *Lyra Davidica* 1708  
Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88  
Tune: *Easter Hymn* AHB 280

*Fr Ian **welcomes** the congregation.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*We say the **Prayer of Preparation** together*

Let us pray.  
**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.**

*The **Kyries** (meaning 'Lord') are sung*

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy**

*Michelle introduces the general confession*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore let us keep the festival. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

*We say the **Confession** together*

**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.**

*No **Absolution** of sins is pronounced, because on Easter Day we live as if the Kingdom of God has fully come into the world with the Resurrection of Christ; and so forgiveness is no longer necessary.*

All sing the **Gloria in excelsis** (meaning 'Glory in the highest')

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
songs of joy and peace we bring,  
thankful hearts and voices raising,  
to creation's Lord we sing.  
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,  
glory be to God our King,  
glory be to God our King**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders  
bore the load of this world's sin,  
only Son of God the Father,  
you have brought us peace within.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
now your glorious reign begin,  
now your glorious reign begin**

Tune: Cwm Rhondda AHB 478  
Text: Edwin le Grice; © Kevin Mayhew

**The Collect** (*the Church's prayer of the day which collects our thoughts & relates to the readings for today*) is said together

**O God, the power of the powerless,  
you have chosen as your witnesses  
those whose voice is not heard.  
Grant that, as women first announced the resurrection  
though they were not believed,  
we too may have courage  
to persist in proclaiming your word,  
in the power of Jesus Christ.      Amen**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

**A Reading** *from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

*Acts 10.34-43*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn to the Risen Christ***    *is read*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Alleluia**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.  
In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.

**Alleluia**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

**Alleluia**

For as by one man came death:  
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;  
For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Alleluia**

**A reading** *from the Epistles ('the letters') of New Testament*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death...

*1 Corinthians 15.19-26*

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**Gradual Hymn**

*As we graduate from the Epistle reading to a reading from one of the Gospels, the Gospel book is transferred to the Gospel side (the pulpit side) of the altar.*

**Very early in the morning  
on the first day of the week,  
friends of Jesus walking sadly  
came his resting place to seek.**

**But in Joseph's quiet garden,  
on that joyful Easter day,  
angels told them, 'He is risen';  
and the stone was rolled away.**

**Ever since that happy morning  
Easter makes our Sunday's shine.  
Jesus, help us to remember  
as we keep this day of thine.**

Words: G Starr 1950

Music from a traditional melody

Adapted: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1939

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John  
**✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 towards 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. *John 20.1-9*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sit*

## **Sermon**

*The celebrant proceeds to the font.*

### **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*The celebrant says to the congregation:*

Dear friends, in baptism, through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that we have completed the observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made in our baptism.

*Water is poured into the font, and the priest says:*



We thank you, Creating God, for the gift of water. Your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah.

We thank you for the water of baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death that we may share in his resurrection, and through which we are renewed by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Springs of water, bless the Lord.  
Give glory and praise to our God,  
who lives and reigns forever.**

*The celebrant asks the congregation:*

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

**I believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed our human race?

**I believe and trust in God the Son, Jesus Christ.**

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

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

**This is the faith of the Church.**

**This is our faith.**

**I believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, ✠ keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Water is then sprinkled over the people as a sign of the renewal of our baptismal vows.*

*Returning from the font, the celebrant says the Greeting of Peace:*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed!**

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of peace.*

*The gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar We offer symbols of bread and wine, signs of Christ's perfect offering, and we join in this offering of ourselves to that of Christ.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## A FAMILY THANKSGIVING 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 our thanks and praise.**

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us friends and families  
busy streets for young and old,  
the life of an earthly city  
fulfilled in your city to come.

You give us your love,  
even when things go wrong.  
Jesus knew hurt and pain.  
Through him you wipe away our tears,  
and fill us with your peace.

You give us happy times  
and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.  
You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, most Holy, all holy the Lord  
in power and wisdom for ever adored.  
The earth and the heavens  
are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blesséd, most blesséd, all blesséd is he  
whose life makes us whole,  
and whose death sets us free;  
who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?  
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with [N and] all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body.  
**For we all share in the one bread.**

**O Lamb of God, come clean our hearts  
and take our sin away.  
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
and let us all our fears depart.  
Have mercy, Lord, we pray,  
Have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our guilty souls release.  
Into our lives your Spirit pour,  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace  
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

Tune: Dear Lord and Father AHB 519(ii)  
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## Holy Communion

*The clergy share the sacred bread and wine.*

## After Communion

Almighty and eternal God,  
may we who have received this sacrament  
of your Son's body and blood  
worship you in all we do,  
proclaim your word to all the world,  
and live in the power of your Spirit.  
**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.**

## HYMN

**Thine is 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 is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!**

Words: Edmond Louis Budry 1884  
Trans. Richard Hoyle 1924  
Music: George Frederick Handel  
Tune: *Maccabaeus* AHB 303

## The Blessing

The blessing of the Living God,  
who brings light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and for ever.

The blessing of the risen Christ,  
who sends you as disciples into all the world  
be upon you now and for ever.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
who fills the church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and for ever.

✠ The blessing of our God, the glorious and holy Trinity,  
be upon you and remain with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

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*We wish you a happy and a holy Easter.*





