

## St James's Church, Piccadilly

### THE EASTER DAWN EUCHARIST – Sunday 4th April 2021 at 6.30am

**With blessing of the New Fire, renewal of Baptismal vows and procession with the Paschal Candle.**

**WITH A CONGREGATION IN THE CHURCH GARDEN AND LIVE ON YOUTUBE**

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*Please gather in the garden for the service to start at 6.30am. The service starts with gathering around the Easter Fire just as, in St John's Gospel story, the disciples gathered around the fire with breakfast beside the lake as they returned from fishing and found Christ waiting for them.*

#### **THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE**

*The new fire is lit.*

#### **READING: John 21.3-13.**

*Read by Trevor Lines*

Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on

some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

#### **THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*The Revd Dr John Russell says*

Eternal God,  
who made this holy dawn to shine  
with the brightness of your one true light;  
set us aflame with the fire of your love  
and bring us to the radiance of your  
heavenly glory;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Five nails are inserted in the form of the Cross upon the Paschal Candle, framed by the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and accompanied by the date of 'this year of Our Lord' 2021.*

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega;  
all time belongs to him,  
and all the ages.  
To Christ be glory and power  
through every age  
for ever and ever.

By his holy and glorious wounds  
**may Christ guard us and keep us.**

*The Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire.*

May the Light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and  
minds. **Amen.**

*The **Exsultet** is sung. (Exsultet means Rejoice! which is the first word of this ancient song from the 4th century).*

*The Clergy proclaim together*  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All answer*

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**THE GLORIA** (Peruvian)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**  
**To God be glory for ever!**  
**Alleluia amen, alleluia amen,**  
**alleluia amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!**  
**To God be glory for ever!**

**Alleluia amen, alleluia amen,**  
**alleluia amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**  
**To God be glory for ever!**  
**Alleluia amen, alleluia amen,**  
**alleluia amen.**

**THE COLLECT** for Easter Day

O unfamiliar God,  
we seek you in the places you have already left,  
and fail to see you even when you stand before us.  
Grant us so to recognise your strangeness that we need not cling to our familiar griefs,  
but are freed to proclaim the resurrection in the name of Christ. **Amen**

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Led by the Revd Dr Ivan Khovacs*

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
we remember that through the Paschal Mystery and our own baptism we too have died with him and have risen with him.

Now that we have completed our keeping of Lent and Passiontide we come to renew the promises made at our baptism.

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.**

Let us affirm the Christian faith into which we were baptised and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God who made heaven and earth?

**We believe in God,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God's Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed humankind?

**We believe in Jesus Christ.**

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.**

Eternal God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith and with all who have been baptised in your name across the ages and across the world.

Keep us faithful to our baptism and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

#### **HYMN**

[Tune: Noel Nouvelet; Words: J.M. Campbell Crum (1872-1958) alt.]

**Now the green blade riseth  
from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth  
many days has lain;  
Love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again,  
like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid him,  
Love by hatred slain,  
thinking that never**

**he would wake again,  
laid in the earth  
like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again,  
like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth he came at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
he that for three days  
in the grave had lain;  
quick from the dead,  
my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again,  
like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving or in pain,  
thy touch can call us  
back to life again;  
fields of our hearts,  
that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again,  
like wheat that springeth green.**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**GOSPEL: John 20.1-20.**

*Read by Sarah Howard-Jones*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**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 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. 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ!**

*The Revd Lucy Winkett says*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a socially distanced sign of peace in person or online.*

#### **PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Creator God,  
give us a heart for simple things:  
Love and laughter, bread and wine,  
tales and dreams.

Fill our lives with green and growing hope,  
make us a people of justice whose song is  
Alleluia and whose name breathes love.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The President continues the Church's prayer of thanksgiving ...*

### **SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

*All say*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*All say*

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

*The prayer of consecration continues recalling Christ's command to his disciples at the Last Supper, ending with "as often as you drink it in remembrance of me"*

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer ...*

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Let us pray in the words that Jesus gave 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.  
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.**

*The bread is broken:*

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

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

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life  
**Amen.**

### **COMMUNION**

*Communion will be brought to you where you are in the garden.*

*If you are attending the service from home, please make use of these prayers as you find helpful for you in making your spiritual communion.*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion inspired by Richard of Chichester (1198-1253)**

Thanks be to you, Christ Jesus,  
for all the benefits you have given me  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to be present with me spiritually in my heart.

O most merciful redeemer,  
friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

### **Prayers for use during Communion**

Christ Jesus, you promised in your gospel 'I am with you always'. Be with me as part of this community today in this Eucharist;

Hear my prayers for others and for myself.  
May I bind myself to you, in communion  
with all that lives this day, knowing that  
nothing can separate me from your love.  
Amen.

O God, help me to trust you,  
and to know that you are with me now.  
Help me to know that all are yours,  
and you are ours,  
in this Eucharist and for ever.  
Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

You have risen O Christ.  
Let all Creation greet the good news  
with jubilant shout;  
for our Easter dawn has come,  
the long night is past,  
our Christ now lives in triumph,  
today and to the end of ages.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

In Christ we are reconciled to God.  
**Alleluia!**

Death and life have engaged in a wondrous  
struggle.  
**Alleluia!**

We have seen the glory of the risen Christ.  
**Alleluia!**

Christ is risen from the dead.  
**All you that sleep, awake,  
arise from the dead,  
for Christ has set us free.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

### **HYMN**

[Tune: Easter Hymn; Words: 14<sup>th</sup> Cent. Latin,  
trans. New Century Hymnal]

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,  
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,  
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,  
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing; alleluia,  
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,  
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!**

**Christ appears in full array, alleluia!  
Sing with joy this paschal day, alleluia!  
Christ now from the dead is raised,  
alleluia!  
Holy Trinity be praised, alleluia!**

*The newly lighted Paschal Candle is carried  
into the Church.  
All follow in a socially distanced procession.*

*At three points please stop and sing:*

*Cantor*

The Light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God!**

*After the third time, the priest says  
Alleluia Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*Breakfast will be served as a takeaway for  
all who would like to stay. In accordance  
with government rules, please sit and eat  
breakfast outside in the courtyard or  
garden in groups of no more than six.*