

St James's Church, Piccadilly

EASTER DAY EUCHARIST – Sunday 4th April 2021 at 11am

WITH A CONGREGATION IN THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LIVE ON YOUTUBE

Before the service, music to celebrate Easter Day will be played and sung to include

Easter (Rise Heart)—Five Mystical Songs
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Intrada for Trumpet and Organ
Michael Haslam (written to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St Christopher's Hospice, London)

THE WELCOMING OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand at 11 o'clock as the priest proclaims

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The priest welcomes the people attending in the building and introduces the service

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Easter Hymn; Words: 14th Cent. Latin, Trans. New Century Hymnal]

**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!**

**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!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal 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.**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Please kneel or sit.

The deacon says

Let us come to Christ, the resurrection and the life, trusting in the promise of forgiveness and the peace the world cannot give.

**Ever-loving God,
we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you our God.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

The priest says

Christ, whose victory over death brings life and peace, forgive you your sin. May you know God's new freedom offered to you in resurrection, and be at peace.
Amen.

THE GLORIA

*Sung by the St James's singers from the
'Sparrow Mass' by WA Mozart*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10.34-43

Then 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.'

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL ANTHEM

Sung by St James's Singers

Since by man came death *from* 'Messiah'
by G.F. Handel

At the end of the anthem, please stand.

THE GOSPEL

John 20.1-18

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.

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

SERMON

The Revd Lucy Winkett

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by a member of the congregation.

Please kneel or sit as you wish.

THE PEACE

The priest says

The risen Christ appeared behind locked doors, and offered the disciples the peace that the world cannot give.

The deacon says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please share the Peace in a socially distanced way if you are in the building, and in the YouTube chat function if you are online.

St James's Singers sing

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Caribbean)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Risen Christ Jesus,
in this bread, broken
and wine poured out,
may we recognise you as the fire that
burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

Amen.

The President leads the Church's Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption in Christ ...

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 thanks and praise.

The priest 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"

The deacon says

Praise to you Christ Jesus.

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life.

Come, O Christ in glory.

The prayer continues. At the end of the prayer, all say

Amen.

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in your own language.

The priest says

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 and the priest says

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 COMMUNION

During Communion, Iris Korfker will sing

I know that my redeemer liveth
from 'Messiah' by G.F. Handel

If you are attending the service in the building, please come to receive Communion or a blessing. No words will be exchanged, please wear a face covering and remember to sanitise your hands on the way. If you are in the gallery, communion will be brought to you.

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

God of life and love,
we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of Jesus Christ.
As we have received these gifts of your
creation, may we go out with joy and
gratitude
to live as witnesses to your resurrection
hope and justice for the whole earth.
Amen.

*Please make your way, keeping social
distance, into the courtyard for the final
hymn and blessing as we celebrate Christ's
rising from the dead!*

HYMN IN THE COURTYARD

[Tune: Maccabaeus; Words: E.L. Budry
(1854-1932) trans R.B. Hoyle
(1875-1939)]

**Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'r'y
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'r'y thou
o'er death has won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.**

Refrain . . .

**No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life.
Life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors
through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.**

Refrain . . .

THE BLESSING

God the Creator;
by whose love Christ was raised from the
dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son;
who in bursting from the grave has
overcome
the forces of death and hell,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit;
who filled the disciples with the life of the
risen Christ
empower you and fill you with peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty:
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you on this festival day and for
ever.
Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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DEDICATION OF EASTER LILIES

The names of those being commemorated today include

*Patricia Baldwin
Miranda Bertram
Richard 'Dick' Bolles
Donald Cameron
Barbara Chalkley
Ann Clapp
Tom Cook
Nigel Cornford
Doreen Cuckow
Imogen Curnew
Colin Lucien Dobranski
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Paul Dobson
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David Pearson
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William Ross
Rowan Shimada-Mead
Ruth Shukir
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Edgar Williams
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