

Happy Easter!



As we Gather

This is the day which the Lord has made

All We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia Christ is risen,

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Peace be with you.

All And also with you.

Jesus Christ is Risen

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!

Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and enable us to share the good news with others.
Amen

Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we are sorry for our sin and we confess to you now our individual and corporate weakness and unbelief.

When we have lived by our own strength and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, save us and help us.

When we have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, save us and help us.

When we have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, save us and help us.

The Collect

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 our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Gospel...

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

All Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

John 20:1-18 cont...

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Sermon



Our Faith

I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

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

All I believe and trust in him.

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

All I believe and trust in him.

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

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Intercession

Tom leads us in our intercession

See what a morning Vs 1/3

See what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice.
Fullfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead

See what a morning Vs 2/3

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, For He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See what a morning Vs 3/3

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here:

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

Holy, Holy, HOLY

The Eucharistic Prayer

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy, Holy, HOLY

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died. Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen, Amen, AMEN.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen, Amen, AMEN.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen, Amen, AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Communion

David breaks the bread

Once Kathy has received Holy Communion she says,

I receive the body of Christ on behalf of my sisters and brothers of the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels, Hewelsfield and Brockweir, together with all those in the Wye Valley and further afield who cannot receive the sacrament of Holy Communion today. May it be to me, and to them, healing, wholeness and salvation.

You are invited to make your spiritual communion

Making Spiritual Communion at Home

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, 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 come spiritually into 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.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thine be the Glory 1/3

Thine be 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 be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Thine be the Glory 2/3

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.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Thine be the Glory 3/3

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection has 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. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia Christ is risen,

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

David gives the blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy Day 1/3

The greatest day in history,

Death is beaten, you have rescued me

Sing it out, Jesus is alive

The empty cross, the empty grave

Life eternal, you have won the day

Shout it out Jesus is alive, he's alive

Oh happy day, happy day, you washed my sin away

Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same:

Forever I am changed

Happy Day 2/3

When I stand, in that place,
Free at last, meeting face to face,
I am yours, Jesus, you are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace,
Earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, he's alive.

Oh happy day, happy day, you washed my sin away
Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same:
Forever I am changed

Happy Day 3/3

Oh what a glorious day, what a glorious way

That you have saved me

And oh what a glorious day, what a glorious name

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Oh happy day, happy day, you washed my sin away

Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same:

Forever I am changed