

## **Taking Good News to the World**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **THE BLESSING**

**Either**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; ...

**Or**

May the living God  
remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world;  
may the risen Saviour  
draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him;  
may the flowing Spirit  
set us and all creation free, and seal our hearts with faith; ...

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**EASTER**

◆ In peace, let us love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

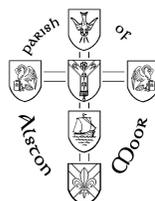
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

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Parish of Alston Moor



## **Holy Eucharist in Eastertide**

**for use on 18<sup>th</sup> April & 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021**

### **To join in online:**

- Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or use the Zoom app
- or phone 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237
- Meeting ID 357-123-751, Password 111

### **Before the service starts, you may like to prepare ...**

- The Easter candle (or another candle)
- Something to light the candle with
- A little bread and wine to share
- A Bible and hymnbook – or today's readings and hymns from our website

### **During the service**

- If you would like us to pray for someone or something specific during the service, please let us know
- Please keep your microphone muted during the service, except when you are joining in the responses or prayers



## Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The forty days of Lent are over, the grief of Holy Week is past, and during the Great Fifty Days of Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

But Jesus didn't remain on earth for ever: after forty days we remember his Ascension to heaven, and ten days later we celebrate Pentecost, the Church's birthday, when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Though we cannot gather physically in the same place, still we are united in joy and love, as we worship and praise God together.



**i** We start this service by greeting one another in God's name; we 'clear the decks' by receiving God's forgiveness for our sins, and those of the world; we praise God as we say the 'Gloria in Excelsis'; and the Collect (prayer for the week) gathers up our thoughts and prayers.

## Gathering in God's Presence

### THE WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

**All** and also with you.

Though we are physically apart

**All** We are united in the love of Christ.

**We light our candles** as a sign of Christ's presence among us

◆ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### HYMN



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

*You may wish to pray these words quietly as the bread and wine are shared*

**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*

*You may wish to share a little bread and wine at home*

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

The **Post-Communion Prayer** may be said

*Then all say this prayer*

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us by your holy Word  
and by our fellowship in the body of Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
to live and work in peace, and free from anxiety,  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.

*Notices may be given out*

## HYMN

**i** We have been fed spiritually by God's word as we have heard and reflected on the Scriptures, and by the body and blood of Jesus, present in bread and wine. Now we prepare to disperse, fortified by the Holy Spirit, and empowered by the resurrection life of Jesus to serve God in our daily lives.



Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*We pray the Lord's Prayer, in whichever version or language we wish*

◆ Standing here among us is our risen Lord,  
so we join our prayers to his as we say:

**All Our Father...**



## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread*

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

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

Though we are one body,  
we may not, for now, share the body and blood of Christ together.  
Yet we are indeed one body, united in Christ's love.

So may we be blessed in the fellowship we enjoy online;  
may we be blessed in the bread and wine we share at home;  
may we be blessed in the spiritual communion we make this day.

**All Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**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 peace.**

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**All Faithful God, whose word is life:  
come with saving power to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer and shape our lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **SAYING SORRY, BEING FORGIVEN**

◆ Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

### **Either**

◆ The power of the risen Christ sets us free from evil's grip!  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

◆ The touch of the risen Christ heals our deepest wounds and sorrow!  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

◆ The life of the risen Christ swallows up our fear of death!  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

### **Or**

◆ You asked for faith and trust;  
we demanded proof and certainty.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

◆ Your love was stronger than death;  
we built tombs around our hearts.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

◆ You sent us into the world with a message of hope;  
we lingered in comfortable despair.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest assures us of God's forgiveness*

The God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*All* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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 (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)**

*After a period of silent prayer the priest says the Collect and we respond*

*All* **Amen.**



**i** We listen to a reading from the Acts of the Apostles (the story of the early church) as well as a reading from the Old or New Testament, and one from a Gospel (account of the life of Jesus).

Through the sermon we explore what God might be saying to us today through these readings. We respond by affirming our faith as we say the Creed, and by praying for the needs of the world.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

◆ Jesus Christ is Lord:  
*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**



## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here  
*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**



We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery  
you called a people into being: and led them to springs of life;  
the presence of your glory  
went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands  
and gathered from the valley of despair  
the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed  
you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again;  
he taught us to die, that we might live.

He gave himself for us, tortured and forsaken,  
but he could not be confined by death;  
in the garden he speaks our name,  
in the breaking of bread he shows himself among us;  
by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness,  
with the women at the tomb and the men who hid in fear  
we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn  
and join the undying song of heaven:

*All* **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.**

## Listening to God's Word

### READINGS

*A passage from the Acts of the Apostles, and possibly another passage from the Old or New Testament, are read*

*At the end of each the reader says*

Into ancient words  
*All* **you breathe new life.**



### HYMN

### GOSPEL READING

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

◆ Alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus stood among them and said, Peace be with you.

*All* **Alleluia**

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY

◆ Alleluia, alleluia.  
Abide in the vine, and so bear much fruit.

*All* **Alleluia**

◆ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

◆ This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON OR REFLECTION

## AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- All* **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*

## PRAYING FOR OTHERS

*One of these responses may be used*

*Either:*

God of life

- All* **Hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

God of resurrection life:

- All* **hear our prayers for your broken world.  
Come with your touch of love,  
Come with your breath of peace,  
Come with your feast of joy.  
Amen.**

*Or:*

Jesus, Lord of life

- All* **In your mercy, hear us.**

*And at the end*

Jesus, risen Saviour, Lord of Life

- All* **In your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers and be with us always.  
Amen.**



**i** We remember Jesus' instruction not to bring gifts to God if we have anything against our brothers or sisters. So we share God's peace with one another before we offer ourselves to God's service.

In the great thanksgiving prayer (the Eucharistic Prayer), we give thanks for all that God has done for us, especially through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. And we pray that, by the Holy Spirit, Jesus will be present to us in the bread and wine, and nourish us with his divine life.

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*Either*

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.

*Or*

Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity;  
nothing can now separate us from the love of God. Alleluia.

*All* **The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
and also with you. Alleluia.**

### HYMN

*As we sing the bread and wine are prepared*

### TAKING THE BREAD AND WINE

Creator of all, you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us,  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

