



Parish Communion Sunday 18th April 2021 Easter 3

This is the service order for the said service of Holy Communion led by Revd Mark Jones-Parry, Minister of St Cuthbert's Wood Green, at 9am in person and streamed at 11am on the St Peter's YouTube channel here

Rejoice, the Lord is King,

your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: Chorus

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: Chorus

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet: Chorus

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Taylor (1750-1826)

Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Alleluia. Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

Assurance of forgiveness

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say the

Gloria

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

A moment of silence is kept. The minister says the opening prayer set for the day.

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And

by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; • you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

- ² How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- ³ But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

- ⁴ Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

⁶ There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' • Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- $^{\rm 8}$ In peace I will lie down and sleep, \bullet for

it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

New Testament Reading Acts 17:1-9

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saving. 'This is the Messiah. Jesus whom I am proclaiming to vou.' 4 Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5 But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the market-places they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶ When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, 'These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also. 7 and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saving that there is another king named Jesus.' 8 The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹ and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24.36-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them. 'Peace be with you.' 37They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet: see that it is I myself. Touch me and see: for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' 40 And when he had said this. he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

is written, that the Messiah is to suffer

and to rise from the dead on the third

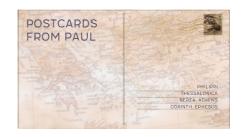
forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in

his name to all nations, beginning from

Jerusalem, ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these

day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and

things.



Sermon

Profession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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. The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's Table

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and, in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glorv:

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.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father. who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine. according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus. All: Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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 who 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 Breaking of 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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,

first-begotten from the dead, Thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up Thy people's head. Alleluia, alleluia, Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow; here for faith's discernment prayer we, lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia, alleluia, thou art here, we ask now how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluia, alleluia, we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished once for all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock, with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died. Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)
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There is no after service coffee on Zoom this week

Readings next Sunday

25th April, (Easter 4) are:

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 Acts 17:10-15

John 10:11-18

Electoral Roll Revision

In preparation for our APCM on Sunday 16th May the Electoral Roll is being revised.

Please do pick up a form if you would like to go on to the roll (or download from the weekly bulletin page on the website) the deadline is Today! - Sunday 18th April

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Acts - "Postcards from Paul"



Over the next weeks we are following a preaching series, along with Grace Church, looking at the churches set up by Paul on his second missionary journey:

April 11th – Acts 16:6-40 – Philippi What must I do to be saved!?

April 18th – Acts 17:1-9 – Thessalonica Another king, one called Jesus!

April 25th – Acts 17:10-15 – Berea Noble characters!

May 2nd - Acts 17:16-34 - Athens Proclaiming the unknown God

May 9th – Acts 18:1-17 – Corinth Do not be afraid!

May 16th – Acts 19:1-20 – Ephesus The word of the Lord spread widely May 23rd – Acts 20:13-38

Postscript - Farewell to the Ephesian elders