

Easter Day

An Order of Service for Holy Communion



The Parish of St Bartholomew
and St Christopher
Haslemere

The Day of Easter

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of our Christian faith. Today is the third day upon which Christ was raised from the dead, and through which the entire fabric of humanity is redeemed before God. Down the centuries and all the way back to the actual day when Jesus walked from his tomb, people have been amazed, alarmed and stood in disbelief that even the descent of death has been overcome through the resurrection. If any of us find ourselves wondering how this can be so, then let no guilt linger within us. Even those disciples who had heard Jesus predict all that would take place still remained sceptical until they had seen it for themselves.

But when they did see, then they believed.....



“For we know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Receiving the Light of Christ

Please stand

The new Paschal, or Easter, candle was lit from the Easter bonfire at dawn this morning. We welcome its new light into church as a symbol of Christ's resurrection and our new life in him.

Please stand and face the door as the service begins and the candle is carried in.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light.

May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The light of Christ.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn and Procession

The Welcome

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

All Amen.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

All let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayers of Preparation

Jesus said to his disciples, '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. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.'

Luke 24:44-45

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

All Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

In Confession

God showed his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, let us show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Romans 5:8

**Sit or
kneel**

Silence is kept for us to offer our sins to God.

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

All Lord, hear us and help us.

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

All Lord, hear us and help us.

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

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We receive absolution and the assurance of sins forgiven.

May the Father of all mercies
draw you to himself,
cleanse you from all your sins
that together we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Please Stand

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God...*
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.
Glory to God...
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.
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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

Please Sit *The collect for Easter Day is said:*

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

*Our preparation continues as we hear God's word and reflect on it,
responding in trust by declaring our faith and praying for the needs of
the world.*

At the end of the lesson the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Hymn

As the gospel book is carried past you, please turn to face it.

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

1 Timothy 3:16

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.

The Sermon

Please Sit

The Creed

Stand

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 5:8

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

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

All We 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.

Our Prayers

*You may wish to kneel as we pray for each other and our
communities. The following responses may be used.*

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
All hear our prayer. **All** Lord, graciously hear us.

A time of silence may be kept, after which we respond:

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sharing God's Peace

Please Stand

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with
you. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.'

John 20:20

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please take time to leave your seat and greet others with the peace

Hymn

An offering will be taken up during the hymn.

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*The bread and wine, and the gifts of the people, are brought forward
and placed upon the altar.*

Prayer and Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord,
accept the offering of your Church:
the hearts of your people,
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

All Amen.

The Holy Communion

*We remember Christ's offering of himself for us and his last supper
with his disciples, blessing the bread and wine to be for us his body and
blood.*

Stand

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
We praise you because you raised him
gloriously from the dead.

He is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has restored to us everlasting life.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**All This is our song:
Alleluia, hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All This is our song:
Alleluia, hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All This is our song:
Alleluia, hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All This is our song:
Alleluia, hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sitting or kneeling, we pray:

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

All 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 the Bread

The president 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.

All 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

All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

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.

The choir sings an anthem.

If you are a visitor, and receive communion in a church you usually attend, whether it is in the Church of England or not, please feel welcome to receive communion here today. If you prefer, you may receive a blessing instead: please bow your head and keep your hands by your sides when you come forward.

The Prayer after Communion

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory.

All Amen

The Post Communion prayer is said by the President.

All God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
now strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Do please remain with us after the service
for refreshments.

Hymn

The Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new 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.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work in you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Amen

