



## The Chapel of The Transfiguration

# Sung Eucharist Easter Day

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
7.30 am



Jesus' resurrection took place in the silent hours of the night, and there were no witnesses to the precise moment of his rising. Instead, our Easter Gospel readings narrate that first moment when the resurrection became real not as an abstract concept, but in the lives of his closest friends. Jesus was dead and is now alive. Mary was grieving and is now full of joy and new purpose and confidence as the apostle to the apostles. We cannot return to the moment of Jesus' resurrection, but we can, with Mary, experience our own moments of transformative encounter with Christ.



## Music before the Service

Intrada

*Grayston Ives (b.1948)*

Voluntary in C

*John Stanley (1712–86)*

Christ lag in Todesbanden BWV 625

*(Christ lay in death's bonds)*

*J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*

## Order of Service

*The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.*

*If you are unable to stand at any point during the service, please feel free to remain seated.*

### The Gathering

*All stand as the Procession of Servers, Choir and Clergy enter and gather at the West Door.*

*The Celebrant sings*

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymns  
*during which the procession moves through the Nave to the  
Sanctuary and the Altar is censed*

**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.**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluia,  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing Alleluia.**

Words: Lyra Davidica (1708)

Tune: Easter Hymn  
Lyra Davidica (1708)

**The Day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes in gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.**

Words: St. John Damascene, c.750

Tune: Ellacombe  
Mainz Gesangbuch (1833)

*Remain standing. The Celebrant says,*

## Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*(in a loud voice)* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## The Greeting

“Jesus said, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.’”

Luke 24.46

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast.

**Alleluia.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**Alleluia.**

Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The Lay Assistant continues*

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

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.**

*The Choir sings*

Kyrie Eleison

*Lord, have mercy*

Christe Eleison

*Christ, have mercy*

Kyrie Eleison

*Lord, have mercy*

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**Amen.**

*All stand*

Gloria

Glory be to God on high,  
**and in earth peace, good will towards men,  
We praise thee we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee.  
We give thanks to thee for thy great  
glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb  
of God, Son of the Father that  
takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us. Thou that  
takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us. Thou that  
takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy, thou only  
art the Lord: thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, art most high  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

*The Lay Assistant continues*

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray

*All kneel*

Almighty God, Lord of all life and power,  
who, through the mighty resurrection  
of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
didst overcome the old order of sin and death,  
and make all things new in him:  
Grant that we, being dead unto sin, and alive unto thee,  
may reign with him in glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## New Testament 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings*

*from Psalm 118*

The Lord is my strength, and my song;  
and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings  
of the righteous;

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence;

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me; \* but he hath not  
given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness, \* that I may go into them,  
and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord, \* the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee; for thou hast heard me,

and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused,

is become the headstone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*All stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Chant: Henry Lawes (1596–1662)

The Epistle  
Colossians 3.1–4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: Savannah  
Tobias Friedrich (1706–36)

*All turn to face the Gospel*

Gospel Acclamation

*Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*All:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Choir:* Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

*All:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you  
**and with thy Spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Matthew, 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

*Remain standing until invited to be seated*

Sermon

*given by*

Rev'd. Suren Watson | *Assistant Chaplain*

*All stand as the Servers and Clergy move to the Font*

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, and are raised with him to new life. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
**I repent of them.**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

May almighty God

who has given you the desire to follow Christ

give you the strength to continue in the way.

## Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

**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?

**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?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*The congregation is sprinkled with Holy Water as the procession moves through the Nave to the Sanctuary*

*The Choir sings*

## Anthem

This joyful Eastertide,

away with sin and sorrow.

My Love, the Crucified,

hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,*

*ne'er burst his three-day prison,*

*our faith had been in vain:*

*but now hath Christ arisen,*

*arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

Words: George Woodward (1848–1934)    Music: Charles Wood (1866–1922)

*All kneel or sit*

## Prayers of Intercession

*during which the following response is used*

Jesus, Lord of Life

**In your mercy, hear us.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Greeting of 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 risen Christ be always with you.

**and also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

### Preparation of the Table

#### Offertory Hymn

*during which the bread, wine and water and the offering of eggs  
are brought to the altar, and a collection is taken for the work  
of the church and the charities it supports.*

**Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;**

**heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The glad earth shouts her triumph high,**

**and groaning hell makes wild reply:**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.*

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the glad apostles saw their Lord:**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again:**

**Jesu, the King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise:**

**All praise be thine, O risen Lord,  
from death to endless life restored;  
all praise to God the Father be  
and Holy Ghost eternally:**

Words: Tr. John Neale (1818–66)

Tune: *Laast uns erfreuden*  
Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne 1623

*Remain standing. The Celebrant invites all to say,*

All things come from you  
**and of your own do we give you,  
Creator and Lord of the universe,  
ever adored by the holy Angels.**  
**Accept these gifts of bread and wine and these  
offerings which we present at your holy table and  
with them the dedication of our lives for your  
service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

*Remain standing. The Celebrant continues*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God  
**It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden  
duty, that we should at all times, and in all  
places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord,  
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give thee thanks,  
because through him thou hast given us eternal life,  
and hast delivered us from the bondage of sin  
and from the fear of death,  
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name,  
evermore praising thee, and saying:

### *The Choir sings*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee,  
O Lord most high.

### *The people may sit or kneel*

Holy indeed are you Almighty Father eternal Sovereign, who in all your gifts and works manifests your holiness to all humanity. Holy is your Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, through whom you did order the universe. And Holy is your ever blessed Spirit who reveals all things, even the deep things of you O God. Just as you yourself are holy, so also you created us in your own image that we might live in holy fellowship.

And when we disobeyed your commandments, you did not abandon us but you guided us as a merciful Father; you revealed yourself to us through the Sages, the Law and the Prophets, and through your redeeming acts in history, and when the time was ripe, you came among us through your Son Jesus, whom you sent into the world to share our human nature in order that the Lord Jesus might revive your own image in us.

### **Generous God, Jesus loves us and sacrificed himself for us and heralded the new life in breaking bread with companions.**

On the very night that he was betrayed to suffer death upon the cross for us, the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks to you Almighty Father, 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 manner after supper, he took the cup also, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying:

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

The Lord Jesus Christ is Saviour

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so Father, we present this bread and cup in communion with your whole church, in fellowship with Blessed Mary, St. Thomas and all the saints, and in union with all creation we celebrate your Son's death and victory; giving thanks for all that Christ has done for us; for preparing us for all that lies ahead, we receive the benefits of Christ's life, death, resurrection and session in glory, and we eagerly await the heavenly banquet after Christ's coming again.

And we entreat you most merciful God to hear us and send your All Holy Spirit on us and on these your gifts, that they being blessed and hallowed by that life giving power, may be for us the Body and Blood of your most dearly loved Son, to the end that we receiving the same may be sanctified and filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.

**Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; make us one body in Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be to you Almighty Father, world without end.**

*All sing:* **Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break  
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

**We being many are one bread,  
one body for we all partake of the one bread.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray

*All sing*

Our Father,

**which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them 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 Celebrant continues*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

*The Choir sings*

## Benedictus

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Deep Silence

*The Choir sings*

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Grant us thy peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying*

Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Please sit and remain seated until invited to move forward by a College Prefect.*

*Remain seated to sing*

## Communion Hymns

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King:  
Who hath washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him whose love divine  
Gives the guests his blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast,  
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**

**Mighty Victim from on high,  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now thy banner thou dost wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave.  
See the prince of darkness quelled;  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

**Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From sin's death do thou set free,  
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise.  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.**

Words: Robert Campbell (1814–68)

Tune: Salzburg  
J. Hintze, 1622–1702

*The Choir sings*

A brighter dawn is breaking,  
And earth with praise is waking;  
For thou, O King most highest,  
The power of death defiest;

And thou hast come victorious,  
With risen Body glorious,  
Who now for ever livest,  
And life abundant givest.

O free the world from blindness,  
And fill the world with kindness,  
Give sinners resurrection,  
Bring striving to perfection;

In sickness give us healing,  
In doubt thy clear revealing,  
That praise to thee be given  
In earth as in thy heaven.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Tune: *Nun Lasst Uns*

Gottselnecker's Christliche Psalmen, Leipzig, 1587

## Prayers after Communion

*The Celebrant says,*

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.  
**God's mercy endures forever.**

“As all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.”

I Corinthians 15.22

Almighty God,  
**we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through Christ we offer you ourselves  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live  
and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

## The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Recessional Hymn  
*during which the Servers and Clergy depart*

**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.***

**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:**

**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:**

Words: E. L. Budry (1854–1932)

Tune: *Maccabaeus*  
G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

## Music after the Service

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

*Charles Marie Widor (1844–1937)*



## Notices

### **Sunday Fellowship**

You are all invited to a time of fellowship on the chapel steps.

**We resume our Sung Eucharist services on the  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

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