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The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,
 St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield



THE PARISH EUCHARIST

EASTER DAY 2020

Welcome to this Service.

Today we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and know eternal life in him.

During our Service today we shall be renewing our commitment to Christ by affirming our baptismal promises. We will glory in the light of Christ which no darkness can quench.

During these days of uncertainty, anxiety, and, for many, darkness we pray that the light of the risen Christ may bring peace, comfort, reassurance, and guidance.

You might like to light a candle towards the beginning of the Service to bring the light of the risen Christ into your own homes. Likewise, if you may wish to use water to make the sign of the cross as we renew our commitment to Christ .

We hope you will be able to join in with the Hymns and everything that is in **bold** type. Whether this is your first time in St John's, or you are a regular member of the congregation, you are most welcome. All the music for today's service, including the Mass setting can be found at <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/easter-sunday-services-resources/>

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. A collection is normally received during the service. Due to the restrictions this is not possible. You might like to set aside your gift and bring it when the restrictions have lifted. UK tax payers are encouraged to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of your giving.

During the 50 days of Easter, if you are passing St John's only your daily walk, you might like to place flowers on the large cross outside church
- perhaps in memory of a loved one.

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All sing

The Hymn

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:

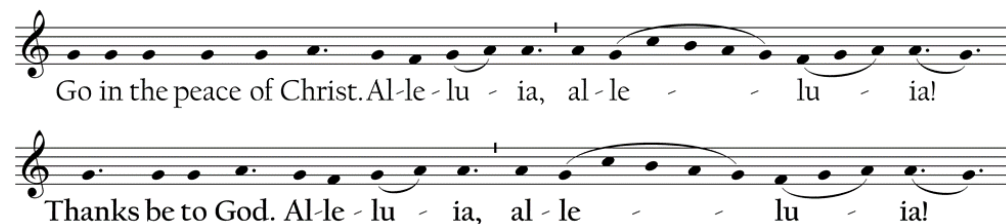
Thine be the glory, ...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought 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, ...

Maccabaeus 428 AMNS

The Dismissal



Go in the peace of Christ. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thanks be to God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Voluntary Tocatta

Léon Boelmann (1862-97)

HAPPY EASTER!

During Easter Week you might like to place flowers on the large cross outside Church - perhaps in memory of a loved one.

The Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus 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
to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Blessing

The God of peace
who brought about from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

As we give praise to God, all sing (music on the screen)

The Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)
from Messiah
Revelation 5: 12, 9, 13

The Marking and Lighting of the Easter Candle

Standing before the Paschal (Easter) candle, the President marks the candle, saying:
Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever.

We light our candles, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. Amen.

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All sing

The Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, 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.

Easter Hymn 77 AMNS

All remain standing for

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death you brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed

and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light

may our lives reflect his glory

and our lips repeat the endless song of heaven:

Blessed be God for ever.

Gloria in Excelsis

♪ **Gloria!** [clap, clap] **Gloria!** [clap, clap] **In excelsis Deo!**

Gloria! [clap, clap] **Gloria!** [clap, clap] **In excelsis Deo!**

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us!

We worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise!

Gloria! ...

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all!

Gloria! ...

At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One and you alone are Lord!

Gloria! ...

Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit!

To you we raise our hands up high! We glorify your name!

Gloria! ...

The Collect

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. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

During Communion the following are sung (seated):

The 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!

Savannah 83 AMNS



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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people, and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, 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.
Amen.

Please sit or kneel to say

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

All sit for

The New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: '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.'

Acts 10: 34–43

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

The Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:

Gelobt sei Gott 78 AMNS

The Gospel

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.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

St John 20: 1-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing for 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 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 glory:

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 Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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 stand to sing

The Hymn

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.

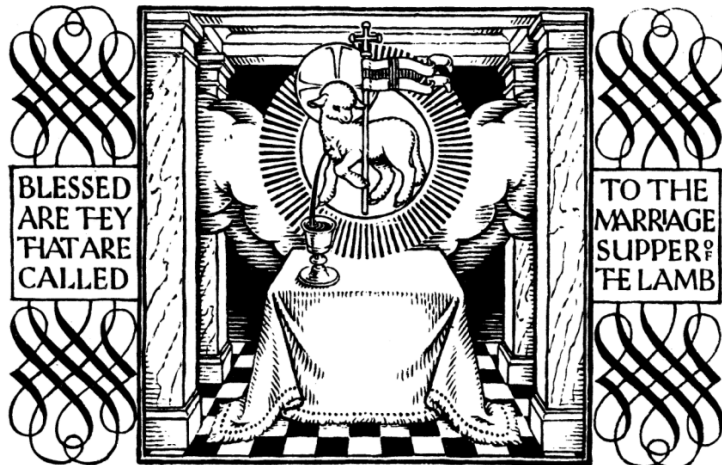
Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.

St Albinus 82 AMNS

Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty:
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.



The Sermon

The Renewal of our Baptism

Today, we glory in the triumph of love, life, and forgiveness over sin, death, and bondage.

Let us recall our Baptism by coming to the waters of new life and cleansing ourselves anew.

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From early times within the Church, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you accept the challenge of following Jesus Christ in your daily life?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

With the help of God, I will.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are invited to make the sign of the cross on your foreheads as a reminder of our new birth into Christ through baptism.

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers of Intercession

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us all, dispersed and isolated throughout this Parish and beyond, with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. We give thanks for our friends in Christ: for those we normally sit near and pray for, and pray the Lord's blessing on them.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter. We pray especially for the Church in the Holy Land - the first to hear and believe.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love; that we help one another during these days of isolation and sickness; and that we may grow in fellowship and prayerful concern for each other.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter; for those whose future is uncertain, and all who are anxious.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That by his power wars and famines may cease through all the world. We pray for all Nations caught in the grip of the Coronavirus pandemic and for all working to bring relief from this illness.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them. We pray for all named on our Newsletter, for all who are sick in hospital, and for all who care for them.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day. We pray especially for those whom we have know and loved but see no longer, for those who taught us the faith, those who have died recently and who are remembered on our Newsletter.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon those who mourn to bring comfort and consolation.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

That the risen Lord may become know to us through the broken bread, the actions of those around us, and through the pages of the Scriptures.

Lord of life and love

Hear our prayer.

And let us in a moment of quiet bring before the Lord our own prayers and praises.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand. The President says:

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!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.