

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:

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:

Maccabaeus 120 NEH

The Dismissal



The Voluntary
Toccata

Please remain standing until the choir and ministers have departed.

Boellmann (1862–1897)

HAPPY EASTER!

*You are warmly invited to stay for coffee following this Service.
Please take home a newsletter and this Order of Service.*

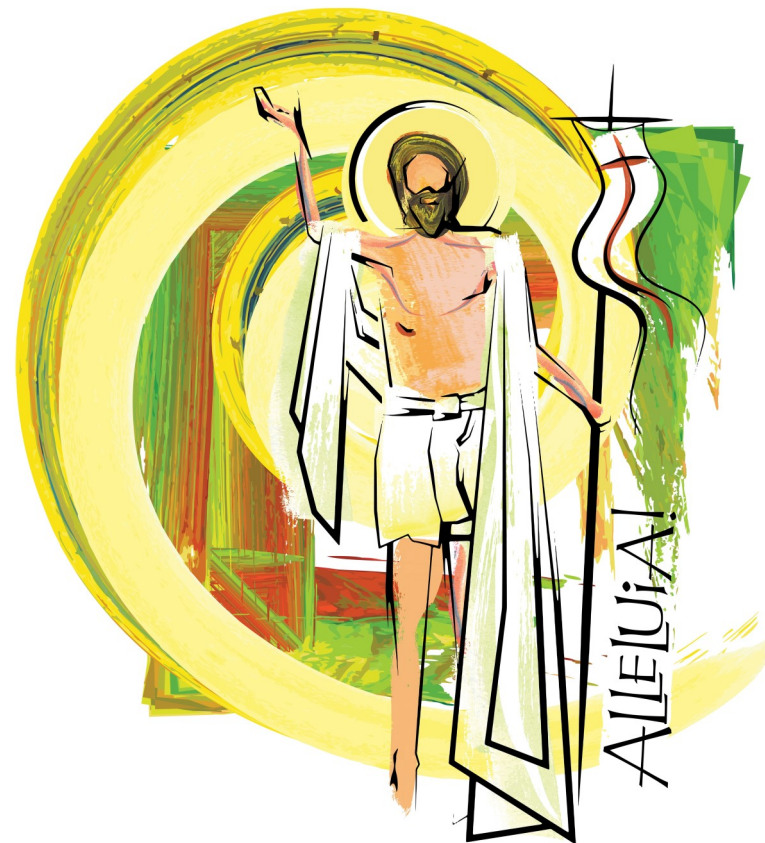
*There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds
immediately following this Service.*

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



The Parish of Boxmoor

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



THE PARISH EUCHARIST

EASTER DAY 2022

Welcome to this Service.

Whether this is your first time in St John's, or you are a regular member of the congregation, you are most welcome.

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 and welcoming 2 new members into the faith via the waters of baptism. We will glory in the light of Christ which no darkness can quench.

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. We hope you will be able to join in with the hymns and everything that is in **bold** type.

A collection is received during the service. UK tax payers are asked to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of their giving.

Outside Cross

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

Covid Secure measures

Strict Social Distancing is no longer in place but please be mindful of those around you and, where appropriate, give your neighbour that little bit of extra room. You are most welcome to wear a face covering, if you so wish.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind - the body of Christ.

Easter Egg Hunt:

If you would like to join the Easter Egg Hunt, please gather near the pulpit, after the service.

Junior Church:

Children are welcome to attend Junior Church. They will be able to return for the baptism.

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All sit or remain seated for

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 newly baptised are brought to the front for

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

All stand to sing

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*

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.

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

All are welcome to come to the Chancel Step to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion please come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate this by bringing this booklet with you.

During Communion the following is sung, seated:

The Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done;	Lives again our glorious King;
fought the fight, the battle won;	where, O death, is now thy sting?
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,	Dying once, he all doth save;
lo, he sets in blood no more.	where thy victory, O grave?
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;	Soar we now where Christ has led,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;	following our exalted Head;
death in vain forbids his rise;	made like him, like him we rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.	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 113 NEH

The Junior Choir sing

The Anthem:

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!

The Service begins outside the glass West Doors.

The Easter Ceremonies

The President says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
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.

The New Fire

The new fire is lit and blessed:

Eternal God,
who made this day to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
sanctify this new fire and inflame us with new hope;
purify our minds by this Easter celebration
and bring us to the feast of eternal light,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Marking the Candle

The President marks the Paschal Candle with the letters A and Ω and the figures 2-0-2-2:

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.

As grains of incense are inserted into the Candle the President says:

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

Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit. The President says:

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!

As we enter church the Light of Christ is shared and candles are lit. We sing

The Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia*, Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia*,
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*, unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia*, who endured the Cross and grave, *Alleluia*,
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*. sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

A Musical interlude may be played

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 110 NEH

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.

In praise of the Resurrection, the Junior Choir leads our singing of

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!*

*Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all!*

*At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One and you alone are Lord!*

*Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit!
To you we raise our hands up high! We glorify your name!*

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.

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.

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.

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 Liturgy of The Word

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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 10: 34–43

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

arr. Charles Wood (1866–1926)

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

St John 20: 1-18

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

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

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

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 112 NEH

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 Welcome of those newly baptised

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

by the one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

As the following is sung, the president sprinkles the congregation with holy water from the Font to remind us of our new birth into Christ through baptism.

The Hymn:

Lord, the light of your love is shining,

in the midst of the darkness, shining:

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;

set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me [clap, clap], shine on me [clap, clap].

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;

send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,

from the shadows into your radiance;

by your blood I may enter your brightness:

search me, try me, consume all my darkness.

Shine on me [clap, clap], shine on me [clap, clap].

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

so our faces display your likeness,

ever changing from glory to glory:

mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me [clap, clap], shine on me [clap, clap].

Shine Jesus Shine 719 A&M

All sit for

The Prayers of Intercession

The prayers may include the responses:

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

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 Sermon

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

The Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven

we must be born again of water and the Spirit,

and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

The Presentation of the Candidates

The priest addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these children

and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The priest addresses the parents and godparents.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy.

Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them,

draw them by your example into the community of faith,

and walk with them in the way of Christ?

P&GP **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith.

You speak for them today.

Will you care for them, and help them to take their place

within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

P&GP **With the help of God, we will.**

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask, the whole congregation:

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.

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 Signing with the Cross

The priest signs the candidates with the Oil of Catechumens (consecrated oil).

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Water is poured into the Font and is then blessed during

The Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

I invite you to profess together the faith of the Church.

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

I 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?

I 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 all the world?

I 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.**

The Baptism

Please name your children.

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!