



**PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

Sunday 8 May 2022
10.00am

Welcome to St John's for this Service.

Today, we come together to celebrate our Parish Church dedicated to God's glory in the name of St John the Evangelist. We give thanks to God for all who have built, adorned, and worshipped in our church before us. We pray for the life of the Parish in our own day - especially those unable to be with us today. And we pray for the Church in the future - for those who will be nurtured here to proclaim the love, life, and light of God.

During the Eucharist we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and in the example and contribution St John has made to the life of the Church universal, our own lives, and the life of this community. As we hear God's word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share Christ's victory over death and know eternal life in him. We pray that the light of the risen Christ may bring peace, comfort, reassurance, and guidance to all in need.

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. A collection is received during the Service for the work of the Church. UK taxpayers are asked to complete a Gift Aid envelope to enhance the value your giving. If you no longer carry cash please consider either giving via the Contactless Card Reader at the back of church or committing to a monthly direct debit.

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*A period of quiet prayer precedes the service.
Please stand as the ministers enter.*

The Greeting

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

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Hymn *is sung*

Hark! the sound of holy voices,
chanting at the crystal sea,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord, to thee:
Multitude, which none can number,
like the stars in glory stands,
clothed in white apparel, holding
palms of victory in their hands.

Patriarch and holy prophet,
who prepared the way of Christ,
King, apostle, saint, confessor,
martyr and evangelist,
saintly maiden, godly matron,
widows who have watched to prayer,
joined in holy concert, singing
to the Lord of all, are there.

Now they reign in heavenly glory,
now they walk in golden light,
now they drink, as from a river,
holy bliss and infinite;
love and peace they taste for ever,
and all truth and knowledge see
in the beatific vision
of the blessed Trinity.

God of God, the One-begotten,
Light of Light, Emmanuel,
in whose body joined together
all the saints for ever dwell;
pour upon us of thy fullness,
that we may for evermore
God the Father, God the Son and
God the Holy Ghost adore. Amen.

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***Our worship has ended; let our service begin.
Thanks be to God!***

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

Prayer of Preparation

As the Lord welcomes us into his presence, we pray together:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Hear what St John says:

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Therefore, in the light of the Risen Christ, let us confess our sins.

1 St John 1: 8–9

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All stand for

The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;
Grace from the Word made flesh be with you;
Grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Final Hymn

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord,
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story
of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen, Amen.

Laudate Dominum 427 NEH

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 Junior Choir sing

The Anthem:

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

All remain seated or kneel to say

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.**

Baptism certificates are given to new members of the Church who are welcomed.

The Welcome of those newly baptized

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
N (and N), by the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The Notices

Please sit for the Parish Notices, Banns of Marriage, and other announcements.

Birthday Candles

All who have had a birthday since the last All Age Eucharist are invited to receive a Birthday Candle and a rendition of Happy Birthday.

Smartie Tubes

All the children are invited to receive a New Smartie tube and, after eating the contents, return it to Church at the next All Age Eucharist full of £1 coins or 20p to help raise money for our music makers.

The Lucinarium:

*The children gather at the Font to recall our Baptism into the risen life of Christ.
All turn to face the Font.*

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

A Gospel account of the Resurrection is read.

The Easter Candle is lit to remind us of the Light of Christ shining in our world.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Gloria:

All remain standing. The children process the Easter Candle around the Church, making the Light of Christ known in our community, as we sing:

Refrain:

Gloria (clap) gloria (clap) in excelsis Deo

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Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise. *Refrain*

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all. *Refrain*

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

Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands on high, we glorify your name. *Refrain.*

Michael Anderson

The Collect

Following a moment of quiet, a special Prayer for the Day is said.

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through the Jesus Christ your incarnate and risen Son,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit for the

Bible Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing with the Junior Choir

The Gradual Hymn:

Jubilate! Everybody! serve the Lord in all your ways,
and come before his presence singing;
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious, and his mercy everlasting.
Jubilate! Jubilate! Jubilate Deo!

Jubilate 28 BAH



The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Agnus Dei *is sung*

♪ **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Sacrament, please indicate this by bringing this booklet with you. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Communion Hymn

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refrain

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refrain

*Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will.*

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When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them, and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

♪ **Amen.**

All sit or kneel to say

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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 Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia!

St John 1: 14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

♪ **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

St John 21: 19-25

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

All stand to say

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers of Intercession

The prayers may include the responses:

Lord, in your mercy or Jesus, Lord of life,
hear our prayer. **in your mercy, hear us.**

The prayers may end with:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand for

The Peace

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

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!

St John 20: 19-20

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

All sing

The Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

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The Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the Word before all creation,
the Life made manifest, the Light who shines in the darkness.
He is the living Bread who has come down from heaven,
the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
He stands among us in his risen power, and shows us his hands and his side.
With joy we worship him as our Lord and our God.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

♪ **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.