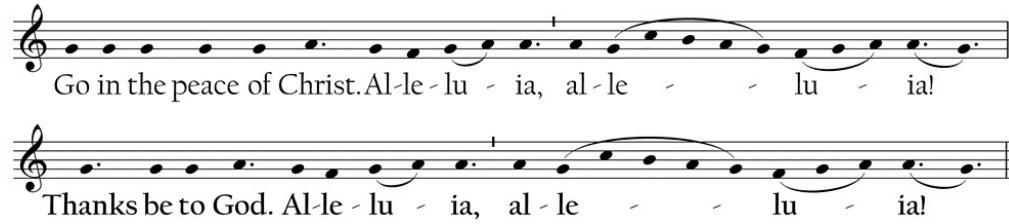


The Dismissal



The Voluntary

Please remain standing until the choirs and ministers have departed.

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke (c1673–1707)

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

*Please continue the celebrations
by staying for refreshments in church.*

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

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The Parish of Boxmoor

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



JUBILEE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
of 150 years of
The Church of St John the Evangelist, Boxmoor
on our Patronal Feast
1874 – 2024
Sunday 5 May 2024
10.00am

Welcome to St John's for this Service.

Today, we offer to God our hearty thanksgiving for this House of Prayer, dedicated and consecrated to God's glory 150 years ago, in the name of St John the Evangelist. We give thanks for all who have built, adorned, ministered, and worshipped in our church before us. We pray for the life of the Parish in our own day and for our work in making new disciples, transforming communities, and going deeper into God as we seek to Live God's Love. 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 in future generations.

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.

It is a particular joy to welcome former vicars, curates, associate ministers, readers, and those who have discerned their vocation here - and their families - and Bishop Alan on his return to active ministry following a period of convalescence.

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, or using the text messaging information in the pews.

The is no Junior Church today as we all gather and worship together. However, the Children's Room is available at the back of church with age appropriate materials. We hope children will join in with this service as much as possible

The president and preacher at this service is the Right Reverend Dr Alan Smith, Lord Bishop of St Albans.

The Service is sung by our Junior and Adult Choirs.

Conductors: Helen Isaacs and Ken Martlew

The organ is played by Keith Beniston, Director of Music.

Trumpeters are Ian Lynch & Scott Kempster.

All remain standing 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.

All sing

The Final Hymn

Angel-voices ever singing
 round thy throne of light,
 angel-harps for ever ringing,
 rest not day nor night;
 thousands only live to bless thee
 and confess thee
 Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
 mortal eye can scan,
 can it be that thou regardest
 songs of sinful man?

Can we know that thou art near us,
 and wilt hear us?
 Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
 o'er each work of thine;
 thou didst ears and hands and voices
 for thy praise design;
 craftsman's art and music's measure
 for thy pleasure
 all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
 of thine own to thee;
 and for thine acceptance proffer
 all unworthily
 hearts and minds and hands and voices
 in our choicest
 psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit
 thine shall ever be,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 blessed Trinity.

Of the best which thou hast given
 earth and heaven
 render thee.

Angel-voices 336 NEH

All remain standing. The Choir sings

Te Deum

during which the Bishop sprinkles the building, ministers, and people with Holy Water and censes the High Altar, the vocal point of our Eucharistic worship.

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son,
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ;
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee,
and we worship thy Name ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)
Morning Service in B flat*

THE GATHERING

*A period of quiet prayer precedes the service.
The choir and ministers enter via the West Doors.*

All stand to sing

The Processional 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! praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

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 hath done.

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!

Laudate Dominum 427 NEH

All remain standing. The Bishop gives

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!

The Welcome

All sit or kneel for

The 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.

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.

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.**

ACT OF REDEDICATION

The Bishop leads

The Responsory

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

We have waited on your loving kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

This is none other than the house of God.

Unless the Lord builds the house those who build it labour in vain.

And this is the gateway of heaven.

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

Communion 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'?

The Junior Choir sing

The Anthem: Our God is a great big God

*Our God is a great big God
and He holds us in His hands!*

He's higher than a skyscraper,
He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
He's known me and He's loved me
since before the world began,
how wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Nigel & Jo Hemming

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.**

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.

Hyfrydol 271 NEH

The Lucinarium:

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

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

A Gospel account of the Resurrection is read.

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.

Gloria (clap) gloria (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. *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 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. Estelle Childs, member of our Junior Church and Choir, reads

The New Testament 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.

1 St John 1

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing (after the Junior Choir have sung it through once)

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! *(repeat x3)*

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.**

All sing, kneeling or seated

Agnus Dei

♪ **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. *(repeated)*

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.



During the administration of Communion the following may be sung, seated or kneeling.

Communion Hymn

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

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

*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.*

Refiners fire 373 AM

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.**

All turn to where the Gospel is proclaimed.

The Reverend Canon James Reveley, Vicar of Boxmoor 2004–2013, reads

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.

♪ **Glory 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

St John 21: 19-25

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Bishop gives

The Sermon

All stand to say

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the living 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

Candles are borne through the church and placed on the Altar to represent our prayers.

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!

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

We offer each other the sign of peace - usually by waving to each other or shaking hands.

All remain standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn

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.

Deerhurst 226 NEH

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.

All 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.**

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.