



**The Eucharist on Easter Day  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 9.30  
Parish Eucharist  
Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne**



**Welcoming the Easter Candle**

*please stand*

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.**

*The deacon brings in the lit Easter candle and proclaims each time getting louder:*

*Alleluia. Christ is risen.*

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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**Hymn**

*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!*

*Please be seated.*

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

Like Mary at the empty tomb  
We fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
We are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
We are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

May 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.**

**Gloria** *please stand as the choir sings:*

*Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

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**

## **Gospel Reading** *please stand*

*The choir sings the acclamations.*

*We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as the gospel is read.*

*Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia.  
He has defeated the powers of death. Alleluia.  
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. Alleluia.  
He has the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon** *please sit*

## **Profession of Faith**

*The water in the font was blessed at our dawn service this morning.*

Let us affirm together,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
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 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Peace**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

*Let us offer one another a wave of peace.*

## **Offertory Hymn**      *please stand*

*No collection plate will be passed around. If you would like to leave a cash donation, please take it to the offering plate on the font. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the Narthex.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
now is risen from the dead.*

*Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and the choir sings:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.*

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and ends with praise to God to which everyone responds*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

God's holy gifts,

for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the Glory of God the Father.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*The choir sings:*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion. The children who have been admitted receive communion with their families. If you normally receive Communion in your own church, you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not, please come to the Altar for a blessing, holding this book as a sign. Someone will indicate when to come up.*

## **The Anthems**

*This Joyful Eastertide – Wood*

*He is risen – Whitlock*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

## **Blessing**

God the Father,  
By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**     *please stand*

*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:*

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace and light of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**