



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Parish Eucharist  
Mass of St. Thomas**



## **Processional Hymn**

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.*

*Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all;  
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall.*

*While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.*

*All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.*

## **The Greeting**

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

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Please sit*

*Words of introduction may be said.*

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and fresh hope!**

Jesus is raised from the dead!

**God has claimed us as his own.**

He has brought us out of darkness!

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

## Prayers of Penitence

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.  
Let us come to the risen Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*The Choir sing:*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
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.**

**The Gloria!** *please stand*      *The Choir Sing:*  
*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.  
Refrain*

*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.  
Refrain*

*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.  
Refrain*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

### A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

#### Acts 3:12-19

*(Not at 11.15)*

*At the end the reader may say*

For word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*please stand*

*The Choir sings*

*Allelulia, Alleluia, Allelulia, Alleluia*

*A Cantor sings the Gospel acclamation*

*Allelulia, Alleluia, Allelulia, Alleluia*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.*

**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*

### Affirmation of Faith

*please stand*

*(not at 11.15)*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried;**

**he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:**

**this we have received, and this we believe.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercessions** *please sit*

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace** *please stand*

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.**

'Let us offer one another a sign of peace'.

### **Offertory Hymn**

*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.*

*It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own son should come from heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.*

*And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died  
for love of those who loved him not.*

*But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love, which, like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.*

*It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.*

*And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.*

*The president takes the bread and wine says:*

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 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.**

And now we give you thanks  
because through him you have given us eternal life  
and delivered us from the bondage of sin  
and the fear of death  
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.  
Therefore, with angels and archangels  
And with all the company of heaven  
We proclaim your great and glorious name  
For ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in  
whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide  
his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** *please sit*

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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body  
because we all share in the one bread.**

## **The Agnus Dei**    *The Choir sing*

*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**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*You are very welcome to receive Communion at St Leonard's but if prefer not to please come for a blessing, holding this service book as a sign.*

## **The Anthem**                      *please sit*

**O Lord, increase our faith - Loosemore**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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.**

## **Notices and Banns of Marriage**    *please sit*

## Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
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*

*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.*

*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!*

## Dismissal

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