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**ORDER OF SERVICE & NOTICES
FOR THE
PARISH COMMUNION
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

**SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024
10.30AM**

**PREACHER : MRS MARIAN DICKINSON, LLM
CELEBRANT: THE REVD JOHN SIMPSON, VICAR**



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Hymn

[Common Praise 157]

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

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

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you:

All: And also with you.

From Easter Day until Pentecost:

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Preparation Introductory Sentence

Celebrant: Jesus said I am the good shepherd, and I know my
sheep, and am known by mind. (Alleluia!)

John 10.14

The Collect for Purity

All: 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.

The Celebrant introduces the Confession

Celebrant: Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Kneel or sit

All: 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.

The Kyries (said)

Celebrant: Lord have mercy upon us,
All: Christ have mercy upon us,
Celebrant: Lord have mercy upon us.

The Absolution

Celebrant: 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

Stand

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

(please remain standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
All: **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please Sit

The Ministry of the Word The New Testament Lesson

The reader says

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

At the end:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Hymn

[Common Praise 386]

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Gospel

Please turn to face the Gospel

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The holy Gospel is written in the twentieth
chapter of the Gospel according to St John,
beginning at the nineteen verse:

All: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

At the end:

Celebrant: This is the gospel of the Lord:

All: Praise be to you, O Christ

The Sermon

Mrs Marian Dickinson, LLM

The Baptism & Profession of Faith

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?

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?

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:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

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.**

The Blessing of the Water of the Font

Sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, these candidates now to be baptised 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

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these children the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

Kit Alexander, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The president says

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.

The Welcome

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Celebrant: 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.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father

Celebrant: God has received you by baptism into his church:

All: We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We are members together of the Body of Christ; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we are inheritors together of the kingdom of God. We welcome you.

The Peace

Celebrant: 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.

John 20.19,20

All: The Peace of the Lord be always with you:
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of Peace.

Offertory Hymn

[Common Praise 507]

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **and with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The priest continues

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ:

All: Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; blessed are those who are called to His supper.

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

*All come forward at the direction of the Stewards
to receive Communion or a blessing at the Altar.*

Post Communion Prayers

Celebrant: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

All: 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.

Please stand

Post Communion Hymn

[Common Praise 137]

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, 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

The Dismissal

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father and Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord:

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Thank you for joining us this morning. You are very welcome.

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