

**St Swithun's, Hither Green  
Parish Eucharist**

# **Easter Day**



**The Lord is Risen!  
ALLELUIA!**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 10am**

# The Gathering

## The Greeting

*Mother Juliet:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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*Mother Juliet says some words of welcome.*

## Saying Sorry - Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him  
as we 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.**

## We are Forgiven - 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

Glory to God in the highest; **and peace to all people on earth.**  
*We listen to the music as we glorify God*

## **The Collect**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Gospel** *Luke 24: 1-12*

#### **Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia**

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

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon** *Mother Juliet*

## Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows:

On this Easter Morning let us reaffirm our baptism vows:

Do you renounce all evil, and every power that denies the sacred value of life?

*All:* **I renounce all evil**

Do you trust in Christ's victory, which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

*All:* **In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.**

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Will you commit yourself to this life?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you see to love your neighbour as yourself and strive for peace and justice?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you accept the joy and the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole Church, will you proclaim by word and action the Good News of God in Christ?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*All:* **I come to Christ.**



## Prayers

Let us pray to God.

Loving God, as we give thanks for the new life we receive at Easter, we pray for the church, that together we will preach the gospel, minister to the sick, teach forgiveness and lead others to the risen Christ. May your transforming love change our lives. Let there be hope;

**Let there be love, let there be peace.**

Loving God,  
As we look for the coming of peace on earth,  
May peace begin in our hearts and homes,  
may your peace grow in our communities  
may your peace reach the whole world.

Let there be hope;

**Let there be love, let there be peace.**

Loving God,  
As we remember the suffering of Jesus turning to joy,  
We pray especially for healing and wholeness:  
for those we know and love  
and for those we don't yet know but need our help.

Let there be hope;

**Let there be love, let there be peace.**

Loving God,  
As we remember that nothing separates us from your love  
we pray for all those who have passed through darkness  
and have entered light and life.

Merciful Father:

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



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

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.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All: You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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.*

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins: do this in remembrance of me.*



**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **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**

## **Giving of Communion**

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.**

**Alleluia! Let us celebrate the feast!**

*Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Bless us Lord as we leave the table**

**and the Eucharist of your risen Son.**

**May we bring with us the hope, peace and joy**

**which we find in the resurrection of Jesus**

**who is Lord, today and forever. Amen**

*The Notices*

## **Dismissal and Blessing**

### **The 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

