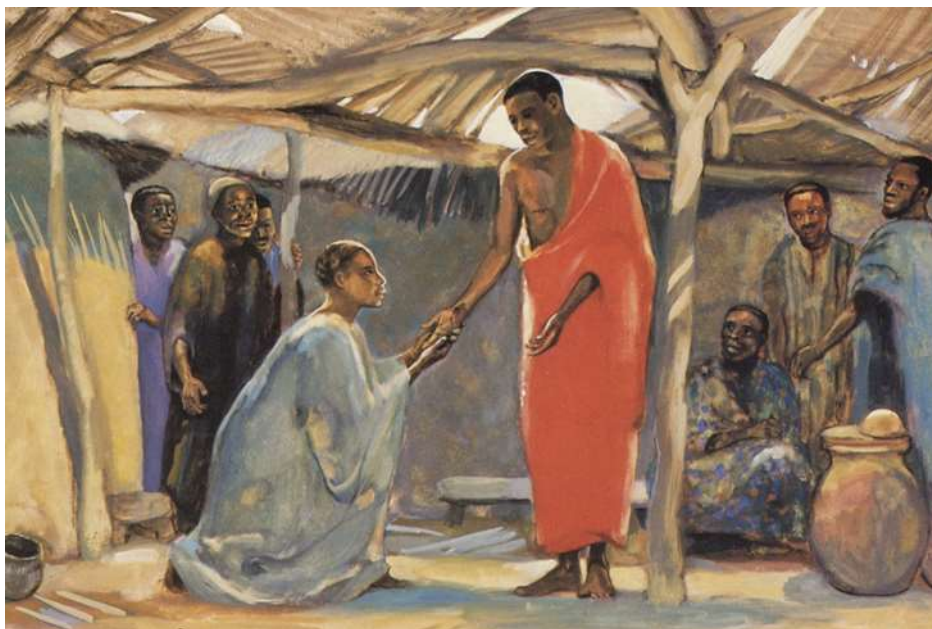


**St Swithun's, Hither Green
Parish Eucharist**

Easter 2



**The Lord is Risen!
ALLELUIA!**

Sunday 11th April 2021, 10am

The Gathering

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!

Mother Juliet says some words of welcome.

Prayers of preparation

Whoever we are, whatever our names

May we hear the risen Christ calling us

to accept God's invitation to new life. **Amen**

Saying Sorry - Prayers of Penitence

Let us receive new life in Christ

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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading *Acts 4: 32-35*

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.

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading *John 20: 19-end*

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Rev Frances*

Profession of Faith

**We believe in God, Creator, Mother and Father of us all,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in Jesus, God's Son, Redeemer,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with love.**

**We believe in God, Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

At the hope you have given us, we remember the appearances you made to those close to you, and we pray that our eyes, too, may be opened to your presence.

Give us love, **Give us faith**

We think of Thomas who spoke of his doubt and came to faith. We offer you our doubts and our concerns in our lives and for our world. Help us to move through our uncertainty into a faith which brings hope and love to our world.

Give us love, **Give us faith**

We think of Peter and Jesus' friends who formed the early church. We pray for the Church worldwide, and our Saint Swithun's Church family. Help us to share what we have to ensure those we encounter have no need.

Give us love, **Give us faith**

We think of the women rushing back from the tomb to share the good news of your risen presence. We pray that as we go out to share the good news, many lives will be changed by your presence.

Give us love, **Give us faith**

As we recognise your risen presence, we bring before you all those in need of healing. Especially Fran and family, Lamar, Maureen, Karen, Paulette and family, Catherine and family, Canon Richard, Gwen, Pamela, Neil, Debbie, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Ivy, Taneisha, Talabi, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena, Monica, Joan and Stephen. Be close to each of them, and to all those who are unknown to us but known to you.

Give us love, **Give us faith**

We remember those who journeyed with us and have moved to your eternal presence, remembering especially our brother Carl. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

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

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.

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.

**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.

**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.*

**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.*

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

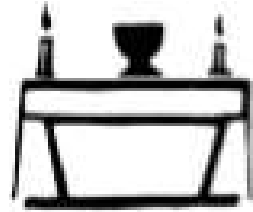
As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**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:

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.

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

Father and mother of us all

Thank you for teaching us with your word.

Thank you for feeding us with bread and wine.

Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.

May we share what we have been given with others.

Amen.

The Notices

- We are updating our prayer list – if you would like a loved one, or yourself to (continue to) be prayed for by the church please let me know.
- APCM Sunday 25th April 2021 at 11.00 am in church with distance and via Zoom
- Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

God our Mother and Father,
by whose glory, Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to live in faith, hope and love;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer 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.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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