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CHRISTCHURCH  
HOLY TRINITY  
+ ST. JOHN'S +  
**TEAM  
MINISTRY**

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## **Easter Day**



*Hail thee, Festival day,  
Blest day that art hallowed for ever;  
Day wherein Christ arose,  
Breaking the kingdom of death*



## Gathering

### Welcome

*Please stand and face the font for the blessing of the Easter Candle*

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 Easter Candle is marked and five nails are inserted to remind us of the wounds of Christ.*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*The Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The candle is carried to the front of the church. The response is sung three times*

The light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

### OPENING HYMN

## **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**he has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus 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.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **GLORIA**

***Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo***

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Lord God, heavenly King  
peace you bring to us  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away our sins, O Lord,  
have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,  
Glory, Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high;  
we glorify your name.

## COLLECT

Let us pray to the God of life.

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.**



## *Liturgy of the Word*

*Please sit*

### **First Reading**

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **HYMN**

### **Gospel Reading**

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.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent,  
we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ,  
and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

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.**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith  
into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

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.**

*The congregation is sprinkled with holy water*

## INTERCESSIONS

*We use the response:*

Lord of life,

**hear our prayer.**



## *Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### 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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

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### 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.**

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ, and he reigns for ever. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give in Christ. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life,

to praise you for ever with angels and archangels:

**Holy, holy, holy,**

**my heart, my heart adores you.**

**My heart is glad to sing the words:**

**you are holy Lord.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

**Lamb of God you take away the sin,  
the sin of all the world.  
Give us mercy, give us mercy,  
give us mercy, Lamb of God.**



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the sin of all the world.**

**Grant us peace, Lord. Grant us peace, Lord.  
Grant us peace, O Lamb of God.**

*All who usually receive communion in your home church are welcome to receive with us.  
If you are not able to do that, please come forward for a prayer of blessing bringing your  
Order of Service so we know for what you are coming.*

## **HYMN DURING COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Going Out

### NOTICES

#### BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING HYMN

#### DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please stay behind for refreshments and conversation after the service.*