

St John's Penge – 12th April 2020

Easter Day Celebration with Holy Communion

Welcome & Introduction

Alleluia, Christ has risen.

He has risen indeed, Alleluia!

Approach

Lord Jesus Christ,
you invite us to share this meal;

gladly we come.

You invite us to receive your love;

joyfully we accept.

You invite us to unload our burdens;

gratefully we let them go.

You invite us to follow where you would lead us;

freely we respond.

Though our faith is poor,

your grace is rich.

Though we deserve so little,

you give us so much.

Though we daily prove false,

you always stay true.

So, then, we come,
as you have called us,
to share together,
to share with you.

Receive our praise,
receive our thanks,
receive our worship,
for your name's sake.

Invitation to Confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to life eternal. – John 3:16

**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 you name. Amen**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading

Mark 16 New Living Translation (NLT)

16 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on Sunday morning,^[a] just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

⁵When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,^[b] who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."
⁸The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.^[c]

Talk: He isn't here!

Creed

We declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by his disciples and by more than 500 of his followers, this we have received and this we believe.

1 Corinthians 15: 3-7 & Common Worship

Prayers: Hazel Willson

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, almighty God,
for you are the Lord of creation and new creation,
of covenant and new covenant.
You brought your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land,
and you brought your Son from the depth of death
to the glory of resurrection life.
And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth

and all company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessing is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God,
for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in
you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit,
that your children may be blessed with power and grace,
and that this bread and cup may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,
'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God,
for you have rolled away the stone of despair,
the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief,
the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear.
Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace,
breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life,
that all who labour, all who stumble, all who hunger
and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread
and be lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen body;
make our scars beautiful like your scars,
make our lives life-giving like your life,
and make our communion holy with your saints,
until you come again in glory
and we eat with you in your kingdom,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.
Amen.

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 forever. Amen.**

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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and
drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your
hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

**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.**

Blessing

**To God who is always forgiving,
always loving,
endlessly patient with us,
always offering hope and a new beginning,
be honour and glory,
praise and thanksgiving, this day and for ever.
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.