

Douglas Union with Frankfield

Easter Sunday

4 April 2021



Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN 271 *Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!*

PENITENCE

O Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength and not by the power of your resurrection.

Lord God, you raised your Son from the dead.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, through you we are more than conquerors.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you help us in our weakness.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the assembled crowd in Caesarea: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 252 *Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord!*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ
according to St. John, chapter 20 beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means 'Teacher'). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who redeemed us and all the world.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit who gives life to us and all the people of God.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father in heaven, today we rejoice that Christ is risen from the dead:

Believing that goodness is stronger than evil, we pray for the victims of brutality and injustice, and for all refugees. Give them hope that good will prevail. Guide our government and all in authority in this land. At this time of pandemic, help them to allocate resources to the sick and to those most in need.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Believing that love is stronger than hate, give courage to those who reach across barriers of race, religion and history to promote friendship and reconciliation. Bless all who serve the community and maintain vital services. We pray for all hospital staff and carers who put the needs of others before their own.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Believing that light is stronger than darkness, we pray for those who are lonely and feel alienated from your love. Give grace to Paul our bishop, and to all who minister in Christ's name, that they may bear witness to new life in him.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Believing that life is stronger than death, we pray for those who like Mary Magdalene, are lost in their grief and pain. Strengthen them with faith, that nothing, not even death can separate them from Christ's love. We remember with thanksgiving all the faithful departed and pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Father, hear our prayers through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among them and said. 'Peace be with you.' Alleluia!

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

HYMN 287 *The whole bright world rejoices now (verses 1 & 2)*

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places

it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And above all we praise you

for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
the true Paschal Lamb who was sacrificed for us;

by dying he destroyed our death;

by rising he restored our life:

And so with all your people,

with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

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

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
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:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church

and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Spiritual Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
you have delivered us from the power of our enemy.
Grant us so to die daily unto sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All say

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of 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.**

HYMN 287 *The whole bright world rejoices now (verse 3)*

THE DISMISSAL

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....always.

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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We wish all parishioners and friends a very Happy Easter. May you know the joy and hope of the resurrection in the days and weeks ahead.