



***Festal Eucharist  
for  
Easter Day***

**Welcome to St James**, the parish Church of Bulkington. Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or participating from home. We are very glad to be with you.

**Holy Communion (or the Eucharist)** is the central act of Christian worship. Through our community celebration of the Eucharist, we tell the story of God with his people throughout history, and proclaim that this God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, is real among us. **Easter Day** is the most important day of the Church's year when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with joy and splendour, offering the hope of new life to all.

**This service is being livestreamed** so that as many as would like to can be part of our worship. The camera will only focus on those contributing to the service.

**There will be no collection plate passed around today, but please give generously to support St James.** You can

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- Make an electronic donation via bank transfer or standing order.



# **The Gathering**

*We are invited to stand*

## **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia*.  
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*.  
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia*.  
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia*.  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*.  
who endured the Cross and grave, *Alleluia*.  
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.
- 3 But the pains that he endured, *Alleluia*.  
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*.  
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*.  
where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia*.

*Surrexit Christus hodie*

*Anonymous Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708), Compleat Psalmodist (1749 Arnold),  
Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## **The Service of Light**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## ***Prayers of Penitence***

### **Confession and Absolution**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

*We are invited to sit, as we share some quiet for reflection.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: 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.  
Amen.**

## The Collect

*We spend a moment in quiet prayer and then Rev Charles prays:*

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.

**All: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
<sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
<sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
<sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They shall not labour in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—  
and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> 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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn – Christ is made the sure foundation**

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
you have promised loving kindness;  
hear your servants as we pray,  
bless your people now before you,  
turn our darkness into day.
- 3 Hear the cry of all your people,  
what they ask and hope to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever  
with your chosen to retain,  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.
- 4 Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory,  
while unending ages run.

*'Urbs beata Jerusalem', (c.7<sup>th</sup> century)  
trans. John Mason Neale, (1818-1866)*

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 24:1 - 12**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: 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. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> 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.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*After the sermon, we share a time of quiet.*

# ***Renewal of Baptismal Promises***

## **Prayer over the Water**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All: who keeps his promise forever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*The waters of baptism are sprinkled over the congregation.*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized in your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The response to the prayers is:*

Risen Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*And, at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**All: 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.

*John 20.19, 20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

## **Hymn – Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise**

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia,  
hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.
- 3 Christ is risen, we are risen  
shed upon us heav'nly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,

here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

- 4 Alleluia, alleluia,  
glory be to God on high;  
alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
to the Triune Majesty.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)*

## **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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this day of our redemption  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All: 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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
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 gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

# The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All: Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

**All: Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*If you are joining the service online, you might like to use this prayer:*

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pain and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

*We are invited to come forward and receive 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.**

## ***The Dismissal***

## **Hymn - Thine Be The Glory**

- 1    Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
      endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
      Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
      kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.  
      *Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
      Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*
- 2    Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
      lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
      Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
      for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Refrain*

*Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)*

## **The Blessing**

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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