



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

The Eucharist on Easter Day



Sunday 31 March 2024
10am

Welcome to Great St Mary's, the University Church

Everyone is welcome at Great St. Mary's, a church which has been witnessing to Christian truth in the centre of Cambridge for over 800 years. We seek to be an inclusive, friendly church, with a large gathered congregation of all ages, great music and preaching, and a particular calling as the spiritual heart of the University of Cambridge.

This morning we celebrate Easter Day in song, story, and sacrament as we recall Jesus' resurrection—the great victory of Love over death.

Wherever you are on your journey with God, know that you are welcome here at Great St Mary's, today and every day. We are a diverse community, from many countries and backgrounds, and we are delighted to have you here with us. don't worry if anything seems strange or about children making a noise. We are a family, and we understand!

Please feel free, when the time comes, to receive Holy Communion. If it is not your usual custom or practice, please come forward for a blessing.

We have been delighted to have Revd Canon Ben Quash, Professor of Christianity and the Arts at Kings College, London as our Triduum Preacher. No stranger to Cambridge, he was previously Chaplain to Fitzwilliam College and Dean and Fellow at Peterhouse. His research interests include the way in which the arts can stimulate renewed engagement with the Bible and Christian theology.

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The Gathering

THE PROCESSION

At 10am a fanfare is sounded.

We STAND as the procession enters and we sing the

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**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!**

**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!**

AMNS 77

Words first verse from *Surrexit Christus hodie, Lyra Davidica, 1708*

Tune EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica, 1708*

THE GREETING

The president greets the people

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All **he raised him from the dead and gave him glory.**

We have been given new birth into a living hope:

All **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

The president welcomes the people and introduces the service.

The Easter acclamation is repeated three times

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

All are invited to make a joyful noise, with bells or shakers,

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

before we join in singing the Gloria as we celebrate the new life of Easter.

ff Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

f Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, Heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

mf Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;

You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

f *Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.*
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly one, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spi-rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
ff Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

The president says

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for

THE READING

Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.

All Thanks be to God.

We STAND

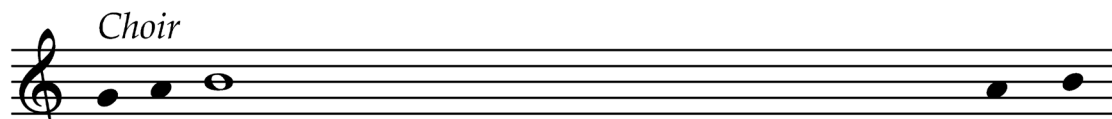
THE GOSPEL

Org. *All*




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir



I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the liv - ing one;



I was dead, and behold I alive for ev - er more.

All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Org. *f*



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

John. 20.1-18

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.

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

We sit for

THE SERMON

Revd Canon Professor Ben Quash

At the end of the sermon, the president blesses the Easter garden and then, with other ministers, move to the Baptismal Font. Please, turn round to face them.



Figure 1 - Dirk Bouts, Christ Crowned with Thorns, c.1470, Oil with egg tempera on canvas backed onto board, transferred from wood, 43.8 x 37.1 cm, National Gallery



Figure 2 - Norman Adams, *Vision on the Road to Damascus*, late 20th-century, private collection

The president says

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the Paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to newness of life. 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:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All **I come to Christ.**

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

President Do you believe and trust in God, the Father, who made the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, redeemed humankind?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

President This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

President 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.

All **Amen.**

The people are asperged.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

We remain STANDING.

The president says

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.

All **And also with you. Alleluia!**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet one another, exchanging signs of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

There will be a retiring collection. Please see the back page of this order of service to learn about the voluntary organisations we are supporting. Please, give generously.

HYMN

**1 The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
may rise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

AMNS 75

Words St John of Damascus (d. c.754), tr. J M Neale (1818-66)
Tune ELLACOMBE, melody from *Württembergischer Gesangbuch*, 1784

THE PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

We remain *STANDING* as the president receives the offertory gifts and says
Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of
praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your
resurrection power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord_ is here. His spi - rit 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.**

We give you thanks and praise for the Gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia!

All **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!

All **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 us in Christ. Alleluia!

All **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:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Missa Brevis 'Sancti Johannis de Deo', Hob. XXII:7 – Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

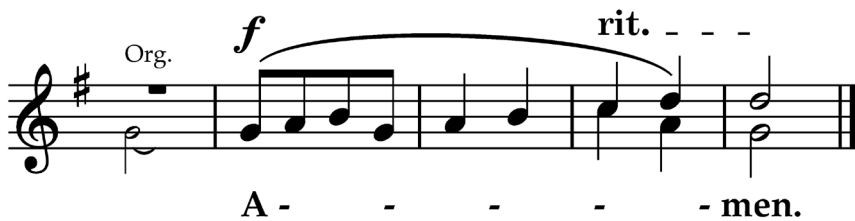
Org. *mf* *f*

Dy-ing you des-troyed our death, ris-ing you re-stored our life: Lord

Je - sus, come in glo - ry!

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Michael, Mary Magdalene and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.



We KNEEL, and silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Risen Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All

**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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us,

All

that we may live in you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The president gives directions about how to receive communion.

This is God's table and all are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms in front of your chest when you come forward.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The choir sings

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata mundi
Miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata mundi
Miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem.

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

Missa Brevis 'Sancti Johannis de Deo', Hob. XXII:7 – Joseph Haydn

ANTHEM

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Librettist Charles Jennens (1700-73), based on Revelation 11.15, 19.6 and 19.16

Music George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Let us pray that we will dwell for ever in the power of Christ's resurrection.

All 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

The president gives any notices.

NOTICES

Please stand, as you are able, to sing the

CLOSING HYMN

**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 vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

**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 the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught 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.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

AMNS 428

Words Edmond Budry (1854–1932), trans. Richard Hoyle (1875–1939)

Tune MACCABEUS G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

We remain STANDING.

THE BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All **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.

All **Amen!**

God the Son,

who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen!**

God the Holy Spirit,

whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen!**

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 deacon gives the dismissal

We know that we are raised to new life in Christ.

So let us go in his peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

X. Final Rhapsodique from *Suite Française*
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Please, feel free to **REMAIN SEATED** for the Organ Voluntary after the clergy, ministers and choir have processed to the back of the church.

*You are invited to give generously to today's **retiring collection**. To learn more about our special Easter collections and how to contribute, please see below.*

Children are invited to join the Children's and Youth Minister by the South Door, for an Easter Egg hunt in the church garden.

Please join us for celebratory refreshments in Michaelhouse, just up Trinity Street!

Continuing in the joy of the Resurrection, you may like to join us for:

11.30am Choral Mattins

Wider Concerns Easter Envelope collection

Partners for Change, Ethiopia -emergency appeal for funds to rebuild communities affected by the armed conflicts.

Romsey Mill working with vulnerable young people in Cambridge, they believe each individual has immense value and potential.

Envelopes will be in Church for the next 4 Sundays. Donations can be made on-line at [GSM's Easter Donation Page](#).

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COMING UP AT GREAT ST MARY'S

Wednesday 3 April

12.30pm Holy Communion

1pm First Wednesday lunch

Sunday 7 April Second Sunday of Easter

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Sung Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer