

EASTER DAY COMMUNION 2022



Welcome

We begin the service in darkness remembering the darkness and despair of the disciples on Good Friday. Clergy and choir gather at the back of church and the congregation turn to face them.

The Service of Light

Christ yesterday and today.

All the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega all time belongs to him, and all ages:

All to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

The Easter candle is brought unlit into Church

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 president lights the Easter Candle, saying

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

The Easter candle is lifted high

The light of Christ

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (*Repeat 3 times getting louder each time*)

Hymn (*During the hymn the Easter Candle is processed down the aisle and people at the ends of the row light their candles from it and pass the Easter light along the row.*)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, 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 which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

Blessing of the Easter Garden

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said'.

The stone is rolled away from the entrance to the tomb

Bless, O Lord, this Easter Garden, grant that all who see this Garden may be strengthened in faith, and rejoice in the knowledge of Christ's risen life and of his eternal victory; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**
(sung)

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Please remain standing for the Collect or special day for today.

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Period of silent prayer

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.**

Reading (we now safely extinguish our candles)

Please sit for the reading. At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn (during which the children leave for their worship)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks**

**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks...**

Gospel Reading (*please remain standing*)

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

All Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon preached by The Vicar, Rev Canon Sandra Benham.

Silence is kept to reflect on what has been heard.

The Creed

Brothers and sisters, I invite you to stand and profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We 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?

All We 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?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

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

Prayers of Intercession

The responses in the prayers will be:

Risen Lord Jesus

All hear our prayer

Prayers of Penitence *(led from the Easter Garden to remind us that through Jesus' resurrection we can know forgiveness)*

Christ died for sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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

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

All Amen.

The children are welcomed back from their worship and the notices and Banns of Marriage are read.

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.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia.

All and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging everyone saying 'Peace be with you'.

Hymn *(during which the collection will be taken. If you are a UK tax payer please consider placing your donation in the Gift Aid Forms in the pews and fill in your name and address. Your donations mean we can continue with the work at St John's).*

**See what a morning, gloriously bright
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
death is dead, love has won Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

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Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself know in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer *Please remaining standing.*

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.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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 the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

All Though we are many, we are only body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

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

Before the Distribution the president says

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. This morning we are offering the common cup once again. If you would prefer to receive in one kind only (ie bread) that's fine. At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen.**

During the distribution the choir will sing an anthem and then please join in with the singing of the hymnS

**O breath of God, come fill this place;
revive our hearts to know your grace
and from our slumber make us rise,
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**O word of God, so clear and true,
renew our minds to trust in you,
and give to us the bread of life,
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**O love of God, so unrestrained,
refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**May God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit make us one;
in holiness let us unite,
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum
Omnes gentes, alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

The post-communion prayer is said.

Silence is kept.

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

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 victory, 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 her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All he has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own:

All he has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia

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, and
with those whom you love, this day and always.

All Amen

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS - You are very welcome to tea and coffee after this service in the Church Hall. There will be an opportunity to see a video starring children from our Church family - it has taken a lot of work and we are grateful to all those who have taken part, both parents and children, and to James Mitchell in putting all the pieces together. Please do come and see it for yourselves.

EASTER EGG WORD HUNT - After you have been refreshed with a drink and seen the video everyone, young and old alike, are very welcome to take part in the Easter Egg Word Hunt. Take a sheet from the Hall, find letters which make up an Easter phrase, and then come and collect your Easter egg from the Hall.



PARISH PRIZE DRAW – We are so excited to announce the launch of our Parish Prize Draw. It's your chance to win big cash while also helping us maintain and develop our church buildings, and work towards being carbon neutral by 2030. It's easy to play – just head to www.ParishofBaildon.uk/prizedraw. Play one number for £10 per month and depending on how many people join, you could be looking at a £120 prize from the monthly draw or £1420 from the annual draw. Play as many numbers as you like to increase your chances. The monthly draw will be called on the first Sunday of each month in St John's Church Hall after the service and, if you sign up now, you will automatically be entered into the annual draw which will be called at the Christmas Market.

QUIZ AND CHEESE NIGHT – Put your thinking caps on and join us for a Parish Quiz night on Saturday 21st May at 6pm in St John's Church Hall. Join us for the quiz, a catch-up and a Bread and Cheese Supper. The bar will be open too! Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3 for children and are available from SocialFundraising@ParishofBaildon.uk or if email is too tricky call 07860 889766. Please advise any special dietary requirements at the time of booking.

THE CHURCH RECORDING SOCIETY - This group will shortly be embarking on a project to record the furnishings and artefacts at St John's. They are looking for volunteers from the church to help them with this. This is likely to be interesting work and would suit anyone who would like to learn more about our church and in particular the stained glass, the textiles, the metal and wood work. It would involve half a day per fortnight. Contact Sheila Matthews (07813 296371) or Ian Ibbotson (07808 595555) for more information.

JULIAN MEETING – Julian Meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Prayers can be incorporated into our everyday lives and we explore encouraging ways of doing this. We welcome you to our next Julian meeting at St James's church on Wednesday 20th April from 2pm to 3pm.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - Our annual meeting when we think about the year that has gone and look forward into 2022 is in Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend.

All of the paperwork that is needed for this meeting is now on display at the back of Church. This includes the Annual Report and Accounts for 2021 and the minutes of the last annual meeting in 2021.

SEWING WORKING PARTY - the curtains in the Upper Room of St John's Church Hall urgently need some work. A working party will meet on Saturday 23rd April at 9.30am to begin this work. Please do come and join us, no skill with the sewing machine is necessary!

ELECTORAL ROLL FOR THE PARISH - The updated Electoral Roll is now ready for inspection in our Churches. A complete list of names can be found at the back of each church. Please check to make sure your name is there (if you have completed a form). If you wish to see your complete entry please make an appointment with Sarah Baxter in the Parish Office on a Tuesday or Thursday.

FOOD BANK - We are running very low on some items for in our Food Bank as demand has continued to be high over the past few months. There are certain items that are needed and these are - UHT milk (long life), cereal, tinned meat, hotdogs, tuna, tins of fruit, rice pudding, custard, jars of coffee, boxes of tea, tins of potatoes, veg and spaghetti.

Giving to the Parish

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HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!

Please do stay for a cup of tea or coffee after this service in the Church Hall, enjoy the video and join in the Easter Egg Word Hunt.

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