

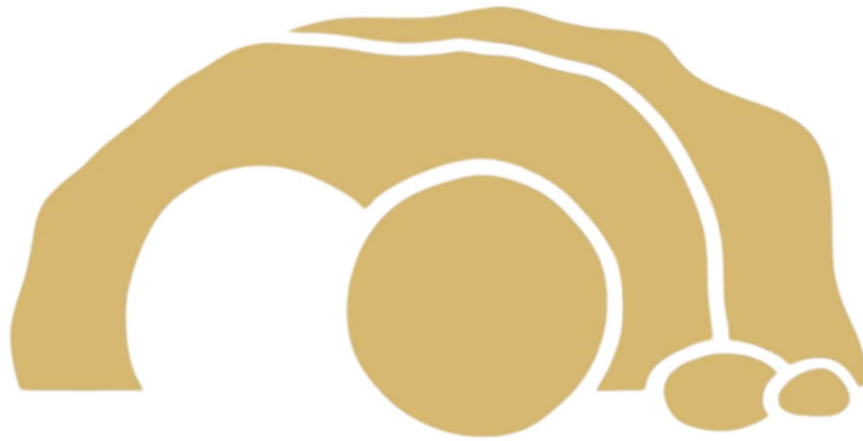
EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNION



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Mill Green, Wargrave

5th April 2026 at 6:00am



He is Risen!

Welcome & Gathering The Reverend David Chislett

Minister Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed
from death to life,
the Church invites her children
throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

The new fire is kindled

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases.

Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom and strengthen our lives with your word, for you are the fountain of life; in your light we see true light.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Minister The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Minister It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices we should praise you,
Father almighty,
the unseen God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to you.

All **Glory to you for ever.**

Minister For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God,
is slain whose blood consecrates the
homes of all the faithful.

All **Glory to you for ever.**

Minister This is the night when Jesus Christ
vanquished hell, broke the chains of
death and rose triumphant from the
grave.

All **Glory to you for ever.**

Minister This is the night when all who
believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.

All **Glory to you for ever.**

Minister This is the night that gave us back
what we had lost; beyond our
deepest dreams you made even our
sin a happy fault

All **Glory to you for ever.**

Minister Most blessed of all nights!
Evil and hatred are put to flight and
sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and
mourning turned to joy

All **Glory to you for ever.**

Minister Night truly blessed, when hatred is
cast out, peace and justice find a
home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.

All **Glory to you for ever.**

Minister Therefore, heavenly Father, in this
our Easter joy accept our sacrifice
of praise, your Church's solemn
offering.

For Christ the morning star has
risen in glory; Christ is risen from
the dead and his flame of love still
burns within us!

Christ sheds his peaceful light on all
the world!

Christ lives and reigns for ever and
ever!

All **Glory to you for ever.**

The Easter Acclamation

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gloria

All **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

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

Silence is kept

Minister 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.**

Bible Reading: Romans 6: 3-11

Reader Or don't you know that all of us
who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death? We
were therefore buried with him

through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Minister Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All **Alleluia.**

Minister He has defeated the powers of death.

All **Alleluia.**

Minister Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All **Alleluia.**

Minister he has the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus,

who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.” Now I have told you.’

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. ‘Greetings,’ he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Profession of Faith

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.**

Peace

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

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

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

*Please offer one another a sign of peace
greeting one another with these words:*

Christ is Risen.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Minister 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 Christ our risen Lord

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Minister Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your
world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us
home to the city where angels sing
your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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 in the highest**

Minister Father of all,
we give you thanks for every gift
that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your
light. With signs of faith and words
of hope he touched untouchables
with love and washed the guilty
clean.
This is his story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him. On
the night he was betrayed he came to
table with his friends to celebrate the
freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it
and said: This is my body, given for you
all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said: This
is my blood, shed for you all for the
forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister Rejoicing in God's new creation, as
our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 forever.
Amen.**

Minister 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**

Minister Alleluia, Christ our passover is
sacrificed for us.

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

*All members of Christian Churches who are
baptised are welcome to join us in sharing
bread and wine.*

All others are welcome to receive a blessing.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

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

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Minister God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised
from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates
of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Minister God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life
of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with
Christ's peace

All **Amen.**

Minister And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All **Amen.**

Song – Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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We take the lantern lit from the fire pit into
church to light the Easter candle.



Please join us for breakfast buns and refreshments in the Church Centre.

Thank you for coming and sharing in this special time of celebration.

He is risen indeed!

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