

## Holy Trinity Church Heath Town

Third Sunday of Easter - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

9.30 am Holy Communion Theme: Breaking Bread

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### GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ: **He has given us new life and  
hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

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### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

#### OPENING PRAYER

Living God, on this Third Sunday of Easter,  
we come before you as the family of God  
in this place. Risen Lord, you met your  
disciples in many places - in their fear, in  
their doubts, in their ordinary lives -and  
you meet us here now. Open our eyes to  
recognise your presence among us,  
open our hearts to receive your peace,  
and open our lives to follow where you  
lead. In Jesus name, **Amen**

#### HYMN:

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of holy Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus out of every nation

Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans-

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us,

Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the clouds from sight received  
Him

When the forty days were o'er  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful-  
Flee to Thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of holy Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood.  
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#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are  
open, all desires known, and from whom  
no secrets are hidden: cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration  
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy  
name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour**

in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our  
sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that  
is past and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life to the glory of your  
name. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **THE GLORIA**

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.

### **READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL HYMN:**

Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread

Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;  
Thy body and Thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

We would not live by bread alone,  
But by Thy word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on  
To our abiding place.

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 24: 13-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

**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?

**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?

**We believe and trust in Him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

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

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Response – Lord in your mercy, **Hear  
our prayer**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## COLLECT

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## 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 Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

## NOTICES

### OFFERTORY HYMN:

Jesus, stand among us  
At the meeting of our lives;  
Be our sweet agreement  
At the meeting of our eyes.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering  
Out of each and every land;  
Christ the love between us  
At the joining of our hands.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us  
At the breaking of the bread;  
Join us as one body  
As we worship You, our Head.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, accept these gifts and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

**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.**

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,  
singing:

*All* **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,**

**Holy is the Lord God almighty**

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord**

**Holy is the Lord God almighty.**

**Who was, and is, and is to come**

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.**

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**  
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:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

We break this bread to share in the body  
of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread**

### GIVING OF COMMUNION

Every time we eat this bread and drink  
this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

### HYMN During Communion

Here is bread, here is wine

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known  
to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith, that we may  
see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### 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. **Amen.**

### HYMN

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and  
storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of  
peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### **DISMISSAL**

May the risen Christ walk with us on the  
roads we travel as we go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**