



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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*Welcome to Saint Paul's. This leaflet contains
everything you need for this morning's service,
including the hymns. A collection will be taken
during the second hymn.*



*Jesus' resurrection is not simply an event, but the event
which gives meaning to all human history. In Jesus God
enters our world, taking upon himself the limitations of
our condition, and shows us that his is power stronger
than any enemy, even death itself.*

¶ INTROIT by the choir

*Before the opening hymn the choir will sing the
round, Jesus the Lord is risen, alleluia.*

¶ OPENING HYMN 205

**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 that he endured, alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King, alleluia,
where the angels ever sing alleluia.**

¶ THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

¶ PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*The priest briefly introduces the liturgy and
invites the people to acknowledge their sins.*

You have shown us the way to the Father.
Lord, have mercy. R/. **Lord, have mercy.**

You have given us the consolation of the truth.
Christ, have mercy. R/. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life.
Lord, have mercy. R/. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
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.**

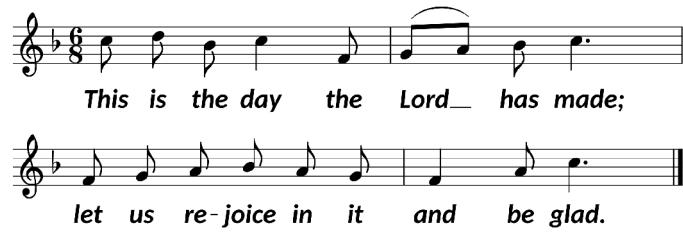
¶ OPENING PRAYER (Collect of the Day)

O God, who on this day, through your Only
Begotten Son, have conquered death and
unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant,
we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the
Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal
brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

¶ 1ST READING *Acts 10:34a, 37-43*

¶ PSALM 118 *with refrain sung by all*



¶ 2ND READING *Colossians 3:1-4*

¶ THE EASTER SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.

**The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.**

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
**Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.**

Tell us, Mary: say
what thou didst see upon the way.
**The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!**

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
**Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.**

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

¶ GOSPEL READING *1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb,
has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate
the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.



At the end all say
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ SERMON

¶ THE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

¶ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We pray for the Church and the world.
Suitable responses may be used.*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

¶ THE PEACE

The priest uses a sentence of scripture then says

**The peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace

¶ OFFERTORY HYMN 218

A collection is taken during this 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:**

**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:**

¶ PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Pray ... to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer
the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously
reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All remain standing as the priest continues

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

Words proper to the feast follow, and all respond

**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.**

*All remain standing as the priest invokes the
Holy Spirit and recalls the Last Supper.*

This acclamation follows

Great is the mystery of faith

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

*The prayer continues, calling to mind Jesus' death
and resurrection and praying for the coming of
the kingdom. All respond, Amen.*

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

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.**

Agnus Dei follows as the Bread is broken

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

¶ GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The priest invites the people to Communion
and all say*

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The priest reads the Communion Antiphon, then
gives Communion to the people. If you do not
wish to receive, you are welcome to come
forward for a blessing instead.*

*During Communion the choir sing the anthem,
Surrexit Christus (The Lord is Risen).*

¶ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION 197

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to His name.*

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
he is the King of creation.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.**

**We have been crucified with Christ.
now we shall live forever.**

**God has proclaimed the just reward:
life for the world, alleluia!**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

¶ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

¶ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The priest uses a seasonal blessing, and all respond,
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Regina Caeli precedes the final hymn

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

A prayer follows and all respond, Amen.

¶ FINAL HYMN 207

**Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.**

NOTICES

Many thanks to all who have contributed to our Holy Week and Easter services, especially our special choir. A blessed Easter to all!

This week at Saint Paul's:

Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.

No Coffee Pop-in this Saturday.

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Tina Evans, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Ethan, Nikki; for the recently departed: Ann May; and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Sheila Arens, John Rowley, John Turner, Alan Crook.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Easter	Acts 2.14, 22-33
Monday	Matthew 28.8-15
Easter	Acts 2.36-41
Tuesday	John 20.11-18
Easter	Acts 3.1-10
Wednesday	Luke 24.13-35
Easter	Acts 3.11-26
Thursday	Luke 24.35-48
Easter	Acts 4.1-12
Friday	John 21.1-14
Easter	Acts 4.13-21
Saturday	Mark 16.9-15
Next Sunday	Acts 2.42-27; 1 Peter 1.3-9
Easter II	John 20.19-31
