

CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST MARY'S

SWINDON OLD TOWN PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES



EASTER-TIDE

We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song

St Augustine

WELCOME

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE WORDS IN BOLD

NOTICES

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

OPENING HYMN

**DURING WHICH THE COLLECTION PLATE WILL BE BROUGHT TO
THE FRONT OF CHURCH AND BLESSED**

**An offering prayer is said at the end of the
last verse of hymn**

CHILDREN'S TALK

**AFTER WHICH CHILDREN MAY LEAVE FOR SUNDAY CLUB
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

OPENING PRAYERS

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

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OUR APOLOGY TO GOD, ASKING FOR HIS HELP AS WE JOURNEY ON

These comfortable words are said to assure us of God's forgiveness - whatever we may have done...

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3.16

Followed by this invitation to confession ...

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Most merciful God,

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

The leader says...

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.
Amen

GLORIA

We stand to sing The Peruvian Gloria

1. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

Refrain To God be glory for ever!

All **To God be glory for ever!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

2. *Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus. ...*

3. *Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit. ...*

THE COLLECT

A leader then says the special prayer (The Collect) for the day ... then all respond ...Amen.

BIBLE READING

**Please sit for the Readings ...
at the end the reader may say ...**

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OR PSALM

Remain standing

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel has been read ...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US FROM THE BIBLE –
HIS LIVING WORD FOR TODAY?**

**We all stand and are invited, if we feel able,
to proclaim the Christian Faith by saying...**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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**

THE PRAYERS

**Prayers are offered for the world, the Church,
our country, our town and those who have
asked us to pray for them. There may be short
periods of silence for your own prayers.**

This response may be used ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And after the final prayer...

Merciful Father,

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

THE PEACE

Please stand

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Everybody has the opportunity to greet one another
saying,**

"Peace be with you".

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

HYMN

Remain standing

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [E]

**[The Sursum Corda responses are
said as indicated respectively below]**

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord is here.
His Spirit 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.

The following is then normally said

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels
praising you, and *singing*:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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

The leader breaks the consecrated 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.**

COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
We do not presume to come to this your table,
**O merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness, but in your manifold and great
mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table. But you are the same
Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the
flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink
his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made
clean by his body and our souls washed through
his most precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

THE AGNUS DEI

During the invitation to come to the Lord's table we sing together the Agnus Dei as indicated below ...

**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.**

The congregation receives Holy Communion (as directed by a sidesperson) – bread and wine or a simple prayer of Blessing, either way the response is Amen.

The choir sings an Anthem during Holy Communion.

This may be followed by a hymn or song for us all to join in.

If you would like people to pray with you personally, and confidentially, someone is available at the back of church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept ... then a prayer is said

Then we say together ...

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

CLOSING HYMN

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LIVE AND WORK GUIDED BY GOD

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Dismissal

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

**The congregation remains standing
as the choir leaves the church.**

**Please sit and listen to the organ voluntary
before leaving.**



Happy Easter



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