

Holy Trinity Church Heath Town

Sunday 19th April 2026 (Third Sunday of Easter)

11:15 am Holy Communion Theme: Breaking Bread

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GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our
Father

And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God

You gather us as your people,

You feed us with your Word and your
presence.

Open our eyes as you did on the road to
Emmaus,

That we may recognise you in the
breaking of bread.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SONG 1

Light of the world,

You stepped down into darkness,

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You,

Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship,

Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God;

And You're altogether lovely,

Altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,

Oh so highly exalted,

Glorious in heaven above;

Humbly You came

To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross.

(Repeat)

SONG 2

Over all the earth,

You reign on high,

Every mountain stream,

Every sunset sky.

But my one request,

Lord, my only aim

Is that You'd reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me,

Reign in Your power;

Over all my dreams,

In my darkest hour.

You are the Lord of all I am,

So won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought,

Over every word,

May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;

'Cause You mean more to me

Than any earthly thing,

So won't You reign in me again?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**O Lord, who walks with us along life's
way,**

we come before you today,

joyful to be back in your house.

Draw near to us as we draw near to you,

we pray,

and may we step forward together on

this journey of worship and praise. Amen.

CONFESSION

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us,
Let us confess our sins :

**Lord, we confess that we live our lives distracted by so many things.
So often this is when things aren't going the way we think they should, like the pair who trod the Emmaus road.
Our feet carry us forward, but our thoughts go round in circles; and at such times, when you come to us, Lord, we often fail to recognise you.
We are sorry and ask you to reveal yourself to us afresh Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

All-seeing, all-knowing, and ever-present God,
you understand how easily we are caught up by life's cares, spiralling into despair and distance.

Yet in your grace, O Lord, you forgive us and walk the way with us, welcoming us back into your presence. You feed our souls with comfort and hope, teaching us to see life in a new light.

Amen.

READING: Acts 2:14a 36-41

This is the word of Lord
Thanks be to God

SONG 3

Our Father everlasting,
The all creating One
God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again,
For I believe
In the Name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender,
Suffered and crucified.
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life.
Forever seated high

I believe in God.....

I believe in You

I believe You rose again.

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. *(repeat)*

I believe in God.....

(Final Chorus)

I believe in life eternal

I believe in the virgin birth

I believe in the saint's communion

And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection

When Jesus comes again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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

We believe in God, the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who strengthens us with power from on high.

**We believe in one God Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

COLLECT

Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ was made known to his Disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in his redeeming work sharing in the life of your kingdom with joy and sincerity of heart
One God now and forever **Amen**

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace,
He has reconciled us to God in one body
By the cross
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

NOTICES

OFFERTORY SONG

You unravel me with a melody You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies 'Til all my fears are gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

From my mother's womb You have chosen me

Love has called my name

I've been born again Into your family
Your blood flows through my veins.

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

(repeat)

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears are drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me and I will stand and sing. I am a child of God.

(repeat)

Yes, I am.

I am a child of God.

I am a child of God.

Yes, I am.

I am a child of God. I am a child of God. I am a child of God.

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

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 LORDS 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 forever.**

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 Lords death until he comes.

SONG DURNING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ you have nourished us at your table and revealed yourself in the breaking of bread

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your heart and minds in the knowledge and love of God
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always

Amen

SONG 5

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass
away,
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

For none shall compare to Your matchless worth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

DISMISSAL

As we leave, leave with us, Lord,
walk with us always.

Be there as we share bread
and help us to share with others in need.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen