



Christ Church la Manche

Easter Sunday

2026

dimanche de pâques

Visitors – welcome to our service today

To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured Holy Eucharist card.

Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read

We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

If you are glad our church is here, please support us with your generosity in the collection, and by telling others about us.

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Entry of the Ministers

T - Llanfair

**Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!**

Readings

Acts 10, vv34-43 - Christ was raised on the third day

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Easter anthems

T – St Albinus ('Jesus lives')

Paschal Feast! Upon the Cross

Jesus gave Himself to save us.

Sin's sad leaven throw away:

break the bread of life he gave us. Alleluia!

Risen again, our living Lord

death's dominion now has shattered,

now we share His risen life,

hell's dread powers forever scattered. Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the grave,

all who sleep in death awaking,

fruit fruit of the harvest field:

now our Easter dawn is breaking. Alleluia!

As through man death comes to all,

so has man unlocked death's prison,

as in Adam all are dead,

so in Christ shall all be risen. Alleluia!

(1 Cor 5, 7-9; Rom 6,9-11; 1 Cor 15,20-22)

Colossians 3, vv1-4 - set your hearts on things above!

Gospel greeting:



All repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

For as in Adam all die: in Christ shall all be made alive.

All: **Alleluia (x3)**

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here: He is risen! All: **Alleluia (x3)**

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to *Matthew*

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

Matthew 28, vv1-10 *Matthew's account of the resurrection*

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ. (alleluia x3)**

Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows (replaces Creed on Easter Day)

In baptism,

God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin

and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins
that separate us from God and neighbour?

All **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All **I come to Christ.**

May Almighty God,
who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you the strength to continue in the way.

All **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

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.**

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.**

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.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Affirmation of Commitment

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge
Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love,
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Preparing of the gifts

T Fulda

**First of the week and finest day,
when God commanded light to shine:
cast darkness and its works away
to celebrate with bread and wine!**

**First of the week was Easter morn
when Christ the Lord from death was raised;
new life, fresh hope that day was born
and God in heaven and earth was praised.**

**First of the week the Spirit came
to fill the church with grace and power;
the rushing wind and tongues of flame
were heralds of that promised hour.**

**First of the week we set aside
to meet, to learn, to give, to pray;
to spread Christ's gospel far and wide
in truth, this is the Lord's own day!**

Sending Out

T - Judas Maccabeus

**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:**