

**The Parish Church  
of  
St Richard,  
Aldwick**



**Family Eucharist  
for  
Easter Day**



# Welcoming the Easter Candle

*Please stand and face the rear of church.*

*The Paschal Candle is marked.*

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

**Amen.**

## Opening hymn

*During which the Candle is placed in the candle stand.*

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, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

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.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 in Excelsis**

*Optional Refrain:*

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.*

**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. *Optional Refrain***

**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. *Optional Refrain***

**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. *Optional Refrain*  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

We say together the Collect, which can be found in the pews sheet.

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Readings**

*At the end, the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual hymn

## Gospel Reading

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia.**  
He has defeated the powers of death. **Alleluia.**  
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **Alleluia.**  
He has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *M.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to reaffirm your faith this Easter, using the Apostles' Creed, which has been said at baptisms since the earliest days of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**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?

**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, bread from heaven,  
you satisfy the hungry with good things:  
grant us a share with all the faithful departed  
in the banquet of your kingdom.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world,  
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:  
open the eye of faith and bring us from darkness  
to your eternal light and glory.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, son of the living God,  
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:  
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour,  
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,  
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:  
sustain and comfort us who mourn.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life,  
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:  
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy  
bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus,  
a joyful resurrection and fulfillment of his eternal kingdom.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange a sign of peace using this greeting:*

Christ is risen.

### **Offertory Hymn**

## **Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this day above all  
to praise you with glad and grateful hearts.

For Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
by his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has opened to us the gate of everlasting life.  
In him the long night of sorrow has been scattered by the  
dawn of hope;  
the stone has been rolled away,  
and the grave stands empty,  
for the Lord of life reigns in glory.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we lift our voices to proclaim your unending praise,  
and join in the eternal hymn:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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**

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.**

## **The Agnus Dei:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have  
mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have  
mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us  
peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*If you are a visitor, and normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to share with us.  
Or you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If so, please keep your hands by your sides.  
Music may be played and hymns sung.*

## **Prayers after Communion**

We say together the words of the Post-Communion prayer which can be found in the pews sheet.

*Followed by*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **Notices**

## **Final Hymn**

*We make our way to the Easter Garden.*

## **Prayers at the Easter Garden**

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth  
into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing,

may we who have prepared this garden  
in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith,  
know the power of his presence,  
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,

give you joy and peace in your faith;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

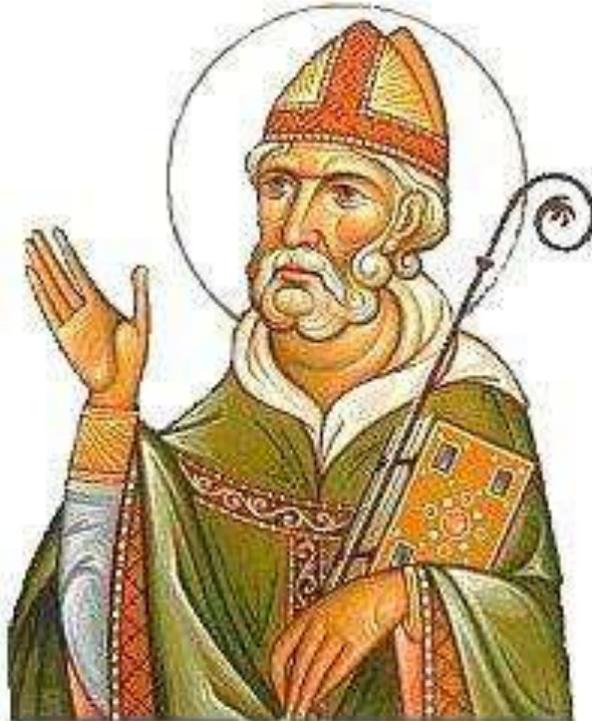
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**





*Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000.

**Registered Charity No: 1206799**  
**CCLI No: 36736**