

# 10.30am Holy Communion on Easter Day

Welcome to All Saints on Easter Day. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The service will be streamed live on the Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page.

All the prayers, hymns and other texts for today's service are in this booklet. Please join in the hymns and the prayers and other texts in bold.

As today is the first Sunday of the month, there will also be an opportunity for those who wish to receive anointing with oil, as a sign of prayer for healing and strength. This will be explained during the service and there is more information on page 21.

## Introduction

### Liturgy of the resurrection

#### Gospel Matthew 28.1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But 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. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Alleluia, Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

#### Hymn *Light's glittering morning fills the skies*

1 Light's glittering morning fills the sky,  
heaven thunders out its victor cry;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
earth shouts her Easter triumph high,  
and groaning hell makes wild reply.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 For Christ the Lord, the mighty king,  
closes with death and draws its sting;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
he tramples down the powers of night,  
brings out his ransomed saints to light.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 His rocky tomb the threefold guard  
of watch and stone and seal had barred,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
but now in royal triumph high  
he comes from death to victory!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Hell's gates are broken down at last,  
our days of mourning now are past;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
'Weep not,' an angel voice has said,  
'Jesus is risen from the dead!'  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

5 All praise be yours, O risen Lord,  
from death to endless life restored;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
to Father, Son and Spirit be  
all power and praise eternally!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Jubilate Hymns version of Aurora lucis rutilat translated by John Mason Neale (1818 - 1866)*  
*Music: Lasst Uns Erfreuen, Melody from an Easter hymn in Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1623, arranged by*  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*  
*(Ancient & Modern - 208)*

## Thanksgiving for the resurrection

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:  
**and his mercy endures for ever.**  
He has loved us from all eternity:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And remembered us when we were in trouble:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
By his cross and passion he has redeemed the world:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And has washed us from our sins in his own blood:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
On the third day he rose again:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And has given us the victory:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
He ascended into heaven:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

**for his mercy endures for ever.**

He is seated at the right hand of the Father:

**for his mercy endures for ever.**

And ever lives to make intercession for us:

**for his mercy endures for ever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **Welcome and introduction**

### **The Collect for Easter Day**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

**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.**

### *Liturgy of the Word*

#### **First Reading** *Acts 10.34-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Second Reading** *Colossians 3.1-4*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise



### 1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he, who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2. Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

### 4. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)  
Music: Lux Eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)  
(Ancient & Modern – 194)*

## Sermon

### Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*The water of baptism is blessed.*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

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

**I come to Christ.**

*The congregation is sprinkled with the baptismal waters.*

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### **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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

## Offertory Hymn *This joyful Eastertide*



1. This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow:  
*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen.*

2 My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:  
3 Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:

*Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)*

*Music: Vruuchten, melody from David's Psalmen, Amsterdam 1685, harm Charles Wood (1866-1926)  
(Ancient & Modern – 219)*

## Eucharistic Prayer (A)

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 Thanksgiving continues ending with*

..... while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

*The bread and the wine are blessed and the words of Jesus at the last Supper are used ending with  
.....Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues ending with*

.....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**

**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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **Giving of Communion**

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

## Anointing and prayers for healing

After receiving communion, those who wish to take this opportunity will be able to go to the communion rail in the Lady Chapel, where they can bring their prayers to God, for themselves and for those on their hearts, with the sign of the cross being made using consecrated oil, either on their foreheads or hands as they wish.

In addition, anyone who would just like a blessing, without Communion, is invited to come straight to the Lady Chapel.

## Communion Anthem *Sicut Cervus*

Gianni Luigi da Palestrina (c.1525-94)

## Communion Hymn *Now the green blade rises*



1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
2. In the grave they laid Him, Love whom we had slain,  
thinking that he never would awake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us back to life again,  
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

Music: Noel Nouvelet, French Carol, 15th century, harmonised by David Iff (b 1939)  
(Ancient & Modern – 212)

## Post communion prayer

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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.**

## The conclusion

### Hymn *Thine be the glory!*



1. 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 vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

2. 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;
3. 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:

*Words: A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité, Edmond Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

*Music: Maccabaeus, George Frederick Handel (1685-1759) (Ancient & Modern – 218)*

## The Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## The dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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