



Welcome to our Holy Communion service on

14 April 2024, 10am

“Transformed, not conformed”

Welcome

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song (1024)

¹All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

²I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And you reign, you reign over all!*

³I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

(Stuart Townend)

Song (1224)

¹The greatest day in history,
Death is beaten, you have rescued
me.
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.
The empty cross and the empty
grave,
Life eternal, you have won the day.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, he's
alive.

*Oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.*

²When I stand in that place,
Free at last, meeting face to face.
I am yours, Jesus, you are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace,
Every pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, he's
alive.

Oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious way
That you have saved me.
And oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious way.
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

(Tim Hughes and Ben Cantelon)

Confession

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.

Absolution

Collect – 3rd Sunday of Easter
Prayer for Sonlight

Readings

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Luke 22:24-30

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials, and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song (1075)

¹Jesus, all for Jesus;
All I am and have
and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus;
All I am and have
and ever hope to be.

²All of my ambitions, hopes and
plans,
I surrender these into your hands.
All of my ambitions, hopes and
plans,
I surrender these into your hands.

*For it's only in your will that I am
free.*

*For it's only in your will that I am
free.*

(Last time:)

Jesus, all for Jesus;

*All I am and have and ever hope to
be.*

(Jennifer Atkinson and Robin Mark)

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.

Prayers

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 risen Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Song (936)

*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

¹You wrote the rhythm of life,
Created heaven and earth;
In you is joy without measure.
So, like a child in your sight,
I dance to see your delight,
For I was made for your pleasure,
Pleasure.

²Let all my movements express
A heart that loves to say 'yes',
A will that leaps to obey you.
Let all my energy blaze
To see the joy in your face;
Let my whole being praise you,
Praise you.

(Graham Kendrick and Steve Thompson)

Prayer of thanks for our offering

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

His Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

**It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

It is indeed right...

...sing forever 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.

Accept our praises...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him...

...in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's 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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of 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.**

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*(a prayer that can be said by those unable to receive the bread and wine
because they are watching at home)*

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

Hymn (624)

¹Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

²Take my hands, and let them
move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

³Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

⁴Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

⁵Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

⁶Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for thee.

(Francis Ridley Havergal)

Song (795)

You laid aside your majesty,
Gave up everything for me,
Suffered at the hands of those you
had created.

You took all my guilt and shame,
When you died and rose again;
Now today you reign,
In heaven and earth exalted.

(Noel Richards)

Hymn (670)

¹The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!

²The powers of death have done
their worst,
but Christ their legions has
dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!

³The three sad days have quickly
sped:
he rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head.
Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

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.

Banns, notices and family news

I really want to worship you, my
Lord,
You have won my heart and I am
yours.
For ever and ever I will love you.
You are the only one who died for
me,
Gave your life to set me free,
So I lift my voice to you in
adoration.

⁴He broke the bonds of death and
hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals
fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph
tell:
Alleluia!

⁵Lord, by the stripes which
wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy
servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

(From the Latin, tr. Francis Pott)

Hymn (975)

¹Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

²When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

³Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

(Charitie L. Bancroft)

Blessing