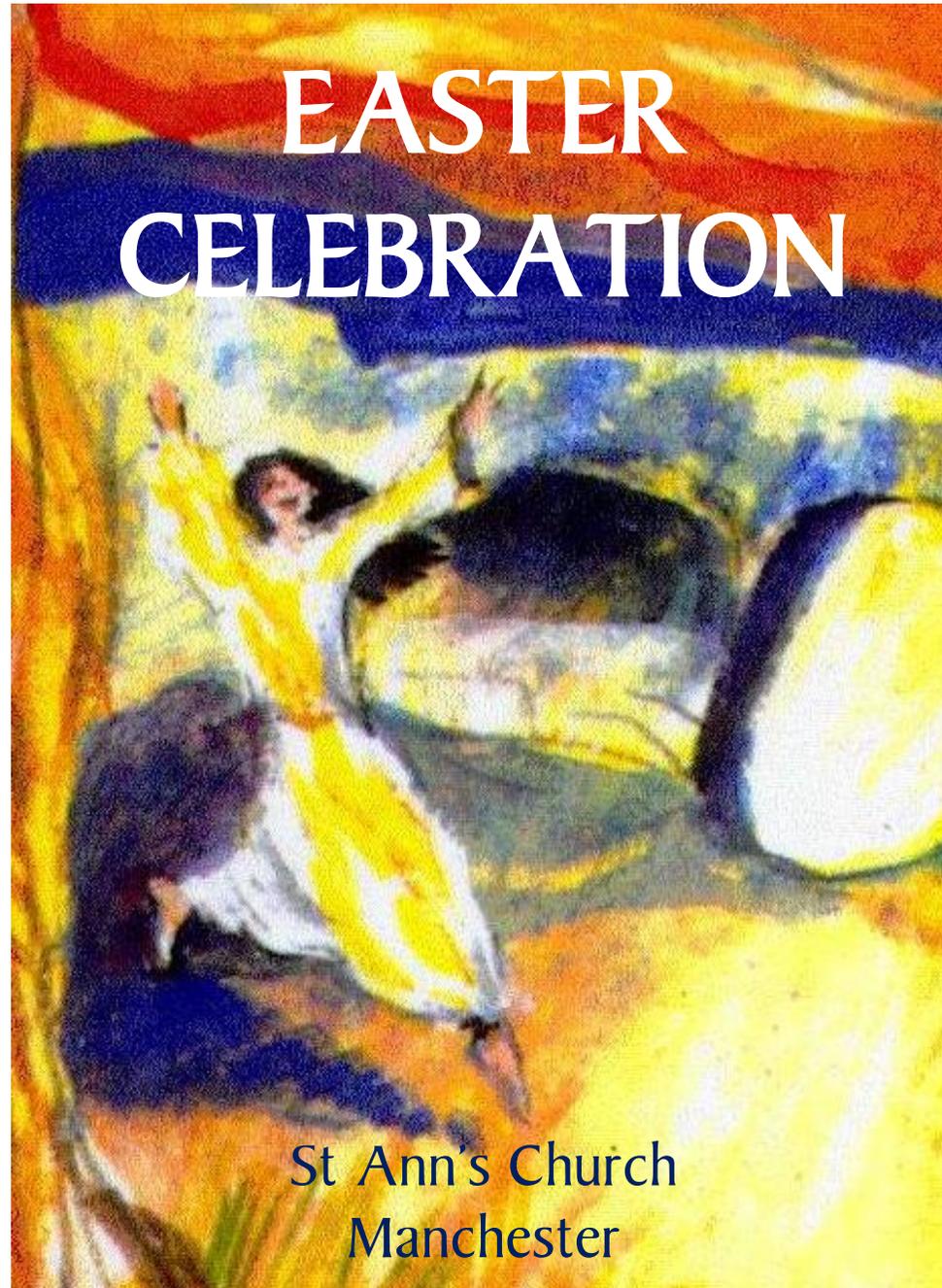




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# EASTER CELEBRATION



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## **¶ Gathering**

**Rector** Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

## **Commemoration of the Resurrection**

### *Luke 24.1-8 read by Caroline Blake*

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.<sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,<sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body.<sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

### *The Rector blesses it the Paschal Candle*

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

**All** **Amen.**

### *Five pins to mark the five wounds of Christ are inserted. The Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
and minds.

**All** **Amen.**

### *At home everyone light their own candle*

**Rector** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today,

*Alleluia!*

our triumphant holy day,

*Alleluia!*

who did once, upon the cross,

*Alleluia!*

suffer to redeem our loss.

*Alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing,

*Alleluia!*

unto Christ, our heavenly King,

*Alleluia!*

who endured the cross and grave,

*Alleluia!*

sinner to redeem and save.

*Alleluia!*

But the pains that he endured,

*Alleluia!*

our salvation have procured;

*Alleluia!*

now above the sky he's King,

*Alleluia!*

where the angels ever sing.

*Alleluia!*

*Lyra Davidica*

## Collect for Easter Day

**Rector** God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All** Amen.

## ¶ *Word and Prayer*

### **The Reading from Acts**

*Acts 10.34-43, read by Liz Agbettoh*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Reader** This is the word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

**Reader** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

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

*John 20.1-18 read by Andries de Jong*

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Reader** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Address

*The address is given by the Rector, Canon Nigel Ashworth.*

## Affirmation of Faith

**Curate** Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All** **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*

## Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers are led by Nigel and Sydwell together. This response is used*

**Minister** Lord of life,  
**All** **hear our prayer.**

*At the end*

**All** Jesus, Risen Lord,  
**in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers,  
and be with us always.  
Amen.**

## The Peace

*Nigel introduces the Peace and says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** **And also with you.**

*Sydwell will invite people to share the peace together.*

## ¶ Eucharist

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Revd Sydwel Isaac presides at the Eucharist.*

**President** The Lord is here.

**All** **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.**

**President** Blessed are you,

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope

through the resurrection of your Son from the dead,  
and into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The joy of resurrection fills the whole world,  
and therefore we join with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
in the song of unending praise, saying:

**All** **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.**

**President** 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.

**All** **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:

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

## The Lord's Prayer

All      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

*The president breaks the bread and says*

President    Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
All            **Now we are raised to new life.**

All            We were buried in your tomb.  
               **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

## Hymn

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.  
*Thine be the glory...*

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.  
*Thine be the glory...*

*Edmond Budry, trans Richard Hoyle*

## The Blessing

**Rector** God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

## Voluntary

*The closing voluntary, played on the piano by Elin Rees and James Hume is Louis Vierne's  
'Symphony No 1, Final.*