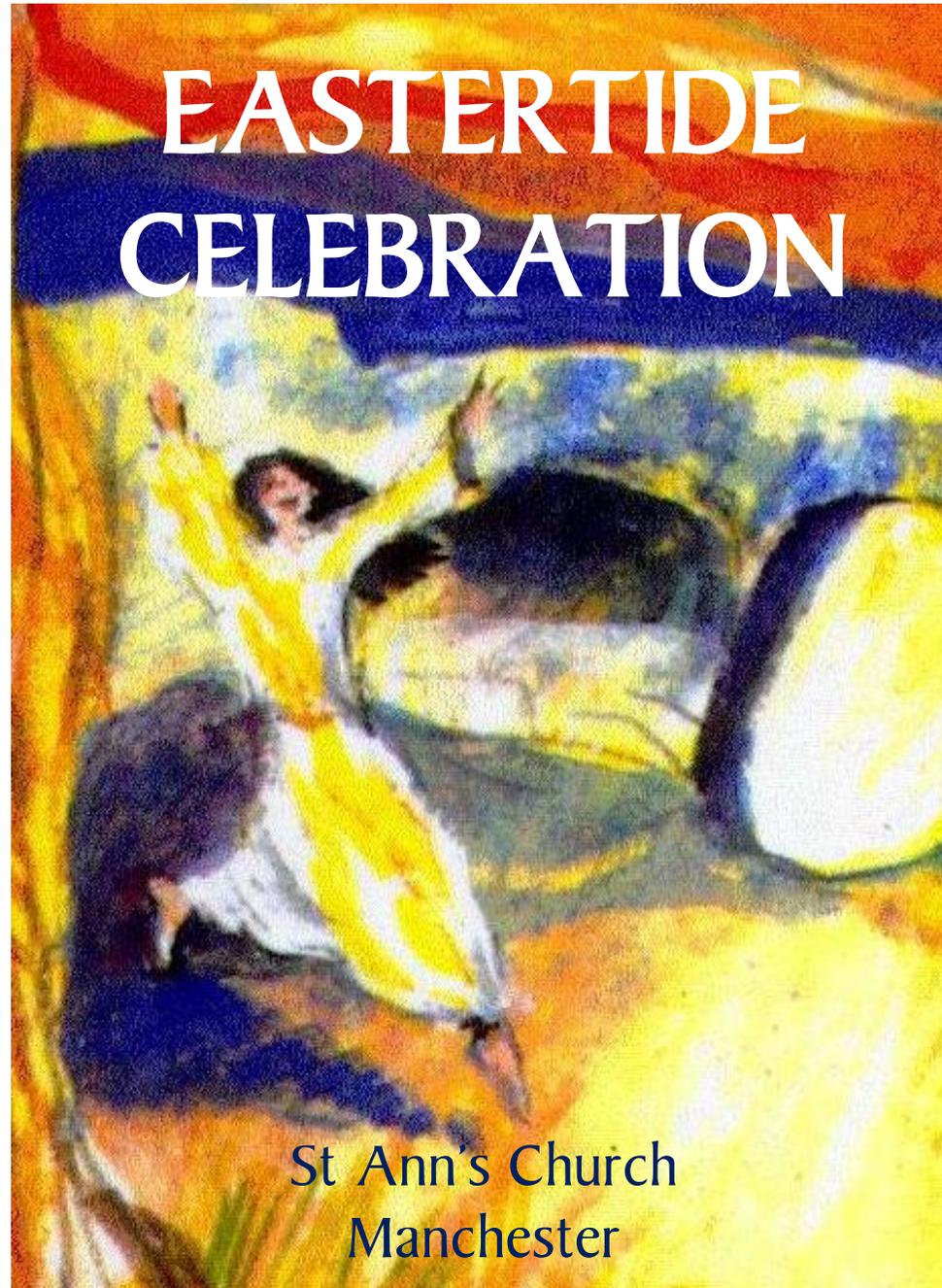




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# EASTERTIDE CELEBRATION



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## ¶ *Gathering*

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

All **And also with you.**

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

## **Themes of Eastertide**

*Canon Nigel Ashworth*

### **The Prima Luce ('First Light')**

Nigel At dawn on the first day of the week  
All **the women came to the tomb.**

Nigel The angel asked them, whom do you seek?  
All **We seek Jesus of Nazareth  
who was crucified.**

Nigel Why do you seek the living among the dead?  
All **If you have taken my Lord away,  
tell me where you have laid him.**

Nigel He is not here; he has risen as he promised:  
All **We are witnesses of these things.**

## Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temple leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy host above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charles Wesley*

## Collect for Today

**Sydwel** Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All** **Amen.**

## ¶ *Word and Prayer*

### *The Reading from Acts – read by Ottmar Morett*

#### *Acts 2.14a, .36-41*

<sup>14</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

<sup>36</sup> 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

Ottmar This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading** *read by Trevor Bithell*

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

### *Luke 24.13-35*

<sup>13</sup> On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.

<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.'

<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Trevor** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Address**

*Canon Nigel Ashworth*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Sydwell

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 Penitence

**Nigel** For those many times  
when our eyes have not recognized your living presence,  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Nigel** For the many times  
when we have been slow of heart to believe,  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** **Christ, have mercy.**

**Nigel** So often have we taken your journeying alongside us for granted.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Sydwell** May the God of love and power forgive us  
and free us from your sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Sydwell introduces the Peace and says*

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

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

## Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers are led by Steve and Rosie Bull. This response is used*

Minister Most gracious Father,  
All **hear our prayer.**

*At the end*

All God of mercy  
**you know us and love us  
and hear our prayers;  
keep us in the eternal fellowship  
of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
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.**

## ¶ Ending

### Hymn

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

*St John of Damascus tr J M Neale*

## **The Blessing**

Sydwel 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 amongst you  
and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## **Voluntary**

*Whilst the music is being played please get your coffees and come back to the screen so we can greet one another.*