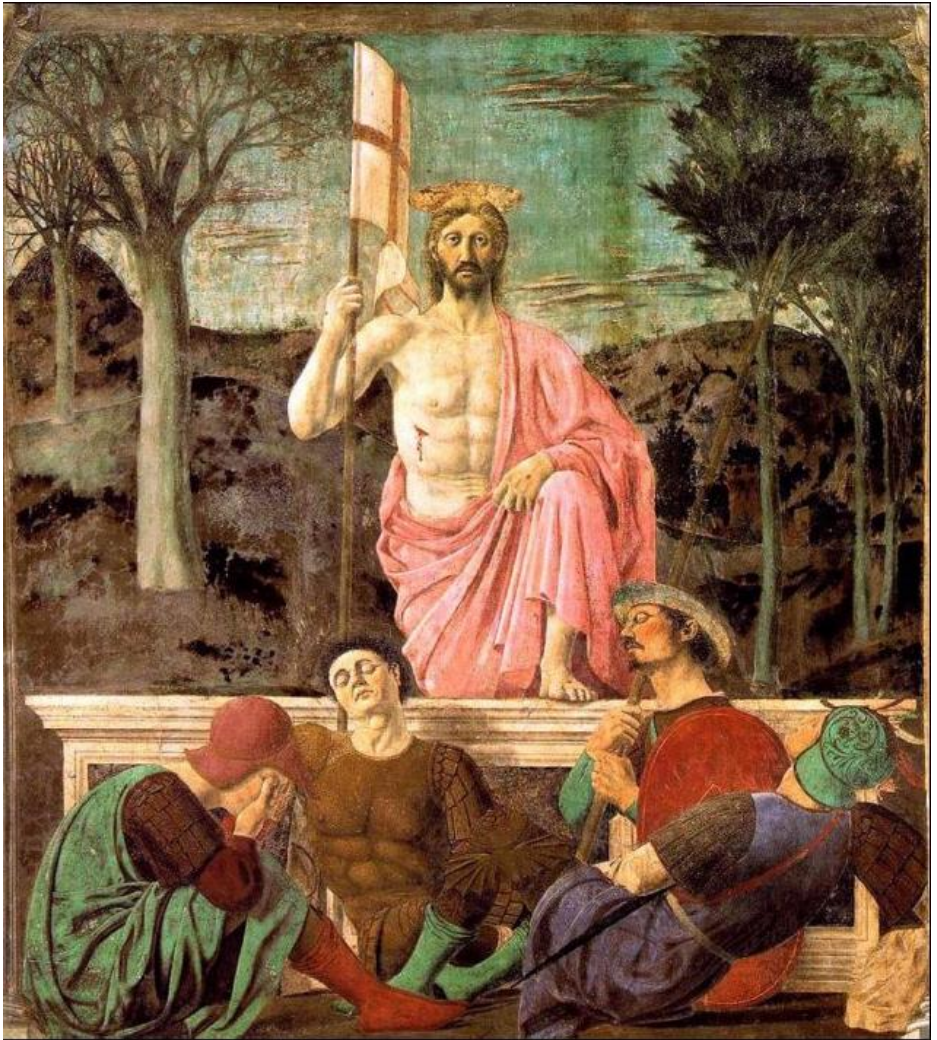


Easter Sunday



St Patrick's & St Luke's

Gathering in God's Name

The Gathering

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us:
and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory.

AMEN.

The Ministry of the Word

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge

of the living and the dead. ⁴³ 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.

Hymn to the Risen Christ

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead:
The first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by one man came death:
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;
For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. AMEN.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

The holy Gospel is written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the first verse,

+Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.' ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

At this, all make the Sign of Cross on our forehead, lips & heart, asking that our thoughts, words and desires might be cleansed in readiness to hear the Gospel.

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

¶ *At the conclusion of the sermon silence may be kept*

The Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

The Nicene Creed is an ancient formal summary of the unifying, non-negotiable aspects of our shared faith which have been passed down through the ages.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of Sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for all people, and for the Church throughout the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy word to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people: we ask you in your mercy to accept our alms and oblations and to receive our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the ways of righteousness and peace, and guide their rulers in wisdom and justice for the tranquillity and good of all. Bless especially your servant Elizabeth our Queen, her representatives and ministers, her parliaments, and all who exercise authority in this land. Grant that they may impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and uphold integrity and truth.

And we ask you of your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We beseech you to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially Kay our Archbishop, Jeremy & Kate our Assistant Bishops], that, by their life and teaching, they may set forth your true, life-giving word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments.

And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that they may receive your word with reverent and obedient hearts, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we also bless your holy name for all your servants who have died in the faith of Christ. Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your eternal kingdom. Grant this, Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The General Confession

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking in

his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to strengthen and comfort you. But first, let us make a humble confession of our sins to Almighty God.

A pause for self-examination may be observed

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men,
we acknowledge with shame the sins we have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your wrath
and indignation against us.

We earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake

forgive us all that is past,
and grant that from this time forward
we may serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

¶ The priest pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty
repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you;
✚ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Comfortable Words

¶ *The priest addresses the congregation*

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

“Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

1 Tim 1:15

“If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect propitiation for our sins.”

1 John 2:1-2

In answer to the question ‘if we confess our sins to God, does he forgive us?’

The answer is ‘absolutely!’ – that’s why Jesus

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving is the centre and high point of the whole celebration. We join Christ in acknowledging the works of God and in offering his sacrifice to the Father. The prayer begins with the following ancient dialogue between the Celebrant and the congregation:

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, and eternal God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the true Passover Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death; by his rising to life again he has restored to us eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

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.

Prayer of Humble Access

¶ Kneeling, the priest says

Let us pray.

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.

But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
[that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and] that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. AMEN.

All glory to you, our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death on the
cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation
of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world; and who instituted, and in his

holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we who receive these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given 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.'

Likewise after supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

All say

AMEN.

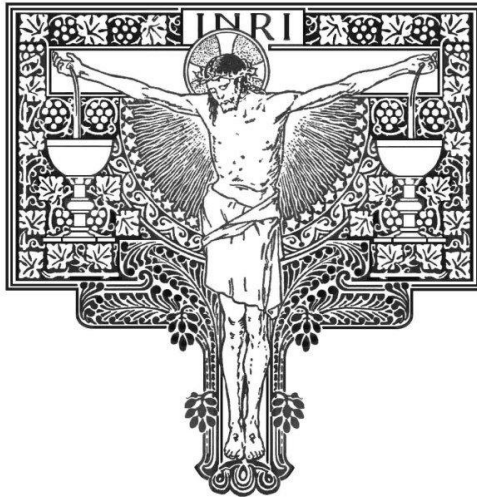
Invitation to Communion

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

***AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION FOR THOSE
NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION***

I WORSHIP YOU, Lord Jesus, and kneeling before you, I pray you come indwell me, as you indwelt your servants and saints of every age. O most loving Jesus, O most blessed Saviour, come to me, I beseech you, and unite me to yourself. Though I cannot now receive you sacramentally, yet I believe that you are able, even when received by faith and desire only, to heal, enrich and sanctify me. Come Lord spiritually into my heart. I desire to unite myself to you with all the affections of my soul. Possess me wholly; let the consuming fire of your love absorb me, and your presence abide so intimately in me, that it will be no longer I that live, but Christ who lives in me. Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:
**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.**

Lord and heavenly Father, we your servants entirely desire
your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving, and to grant that, by the merits and
death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood,
we and your whole Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our
souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice,
humbly beseeching you that all we who are partakers of this
holy communion may be fulfilled with your grace and
heavenly benediction.

And although we are unworthy, through our many sins, to
offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, the
duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits but
pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by
whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory are yours, Father Almighty, now and for
ever. **AMEN.**

Gloria

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.

Blessing & Dismissal

The God of peace, who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism, and who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. AMEN.