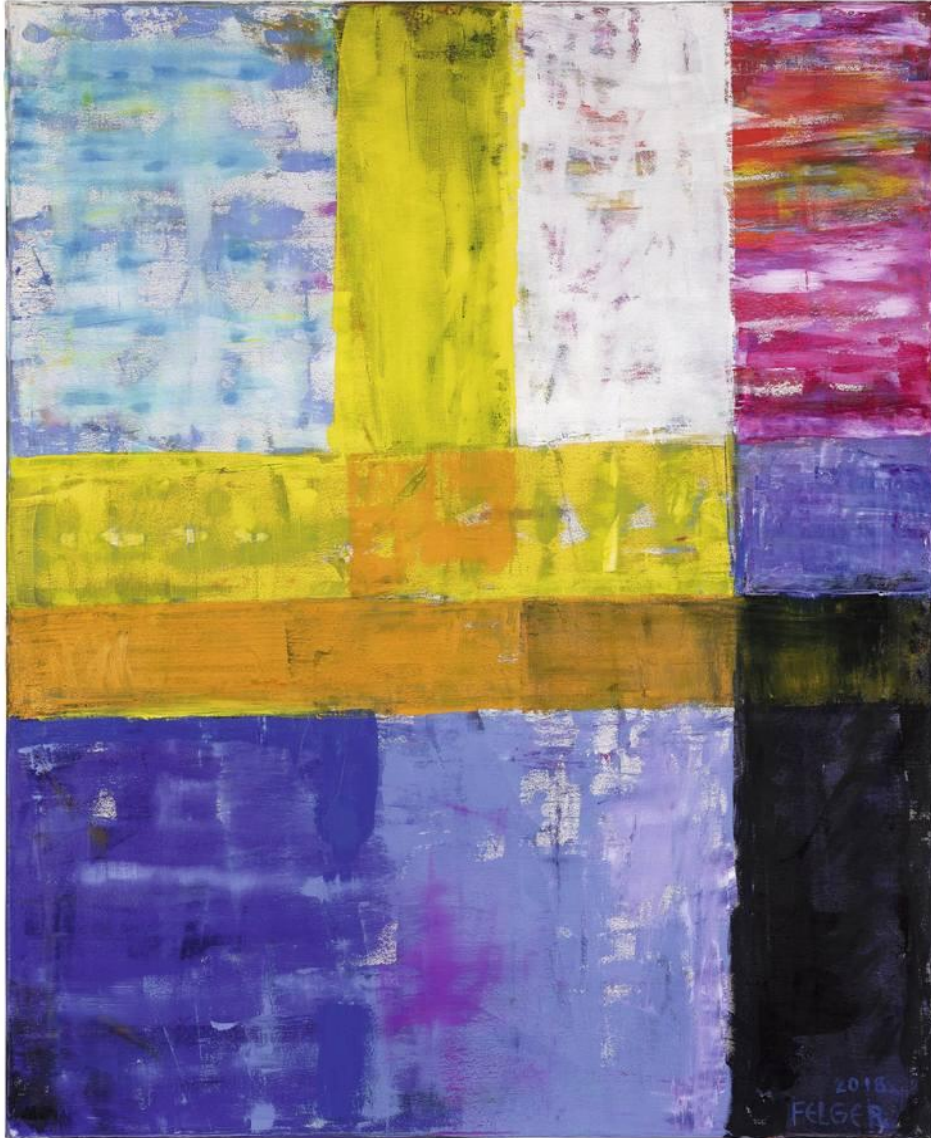


# The Eucharist for Eastertide



*He is risen indeed. Alleluia*

**23<sup>rd</sup> April The Parishes of  
Cotham and St Paul's Clifton**

*Those parts of the service that change from week to week (readings and hymns) can be found in a supplementary sheet – please turn to this sheet where indicated with this symbol: ¶*

*We are also using hymn books in some services and numbers will be announced.*

*We say or sing the words in **bold type***

## **The Gathering**

*A church warden welcomes all who have gathered and invites us to some moments of shared quiet preparation.*

*We stand*

### **¶ Hymn: 680 – This joyful Eastertide**

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Words of introduction and invitation*

### **Penitence**

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

*Pause for silent reflection*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy,

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

May the God of love and mercy

bring you back to himself,

forgive you your sins,

and embrace you in his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The 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.**

## ¶ The Collect

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. Amen

## The Word

*Please sit*

### ¶ New Testament Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36–41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

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?’ 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. 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.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand as we sing:*

**¶ Hymn: 150 – Do not be afraid**

**¶ The Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

**Alleluia.**

*The gospel is announced:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 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?' He 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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 him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to

believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*At the end of the reading of the gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

*We sit*

## **Reflection**

*One of the ministers shares thoughts and reflections on the readings and themes of the day; an encouragement to connect faith with our lives*

*We stand*

## **Profession of faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in Jesus.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*We sit*

## **The Prayers of Intercessions**

*We may use the response*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# The Sacrament

## 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 always with you

**and also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace

*We offer a sign of peace to those around us - you may like to exchange the Easter greeting:*

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

## ¶ Hymn : 310 – I heard the voice of Jesus say (Tune 1)

### Preparation of the table

*As we come to the Table, bread and wine are taken and blest, and the bread is broken as we share the meal that re-members Jesus, the food that 'tastes of freedom'.*

Be present, be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

When we break bread

may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to the world.

**Amen.**



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

And now we give you thanks

because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,  
the long reign of sin is ended,

a broken world is being renewed  
and humanity is once again made whole.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,

earth and heaven resound with gladness,

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

*We sing:*

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with [N and] all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*We sing:*  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.  
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.  
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.  
Come, there is room for all.

### **Giving of Communion**

*We keep an **Open Table** - **all** are invited and **all** are welcome to receive the bread that has been taken, blest and broken. If you would prefer to receive a blessing then please bring this service sheet with you to indicate this.*

*Please ask if you need to receive gluten free bread.*

**¶ Communion chant: 925 – Confitemini Domino**

**¶ Post Communion Prayer**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

*We stand*

## **Dismissal**

### **The Blessing**

*Banns of Marriage, news and notices may be shared*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **¶ Final Hymn : 580 – Rejoice your Lord is King**

### **The Dismissal**

With the love and power that raised Jesus at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia**

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