

From Fr Neil Golding

My dear friends at St Andrew's

Easter is approaching and it is so sad that we will not be able to be together for this, the most important festival in our Christian year.

I had so been looking forward to being with you and leading our celebration. To that end I, along with Roger, had been very busy revising and renewing your Easter Day service — don't worry, it is not a huge departure from what you have been used to — only to see it all grind to a halt as the virus struck and closed all our lives down.

However, I believe we can do something about it.

Below is the new booklet that you would have had on Sunday. So, all that work can be employed this year after all.

We all have imagination and memories. We can recall services of old, bring to mind all our friends at St Andrew's and picture ourselves there.

So let's do that and we will be together spiritually in the presence of God. And let's all do it together at our usual time of 11.00 on Sunday using this booklet, imagining ourselves to be there.

To help and save you time, below I have printed out the readings that would have been used

I cannot provide the beautiful music that Roger and the choir would have given us which they had been rehearsing recently. However here are hymns that I am sure you will know well and which you can sing, hum or just recall in your mind.

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

*To God be the Glory! Great things he hath done*

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ing Son*

Sorry, no sermon this time! It was nearly finished but it can wait

for the future.

What a great spiritual exercise this could be but don't worry if perhaps you cannot do it but remember to pray for each other, stay in touch and above all pray for Resurrection, for new life and the healing of our Nation and the world.

I hope and pray that this will bring you hope, comfort and joy as we wait for the time when we can all be together again. Irritating as it is, we should remember that these days are but a very short time in the context of our whole lives.

As I said at the beginning, I am so disappointed not being able to be with you on Easter Day... so much preparation having been done and joy at being at St Andrew's. Perhaps you will invite me to continue the job next Easter and I can finish what I started? And on that thought, perhaps it might even be possible to do the lighting of the Paschal Candle later on once we are back together?

May I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter

Fr Neil

*PS One or two of the more hawk-eyed may have noticed that the page numbering of the Service Book seems wrong... It is because of the 4 pages being added at the front! And the actual print size is A5 though our viewers often make it look larger.*

And may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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

# The Readings for Easter Day 2020

## **FIRST READING** Acts 10.34-43

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

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

## **SECOND READING** Colossians 3.1-4

*A reading from the letter to the Colossians*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL** John 20.1-18

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John*

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. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. 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."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things

**The Parish Church of Saint Andrew  
Tywardreath**



**Easter Festival Service**

**Order of Service**

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The church being in darkness, the ministers go in silence to the main entrance, one of them carrying the unlit Easter Candle. All stand and face the ministers.*

President     The Lord be with you.

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

Friends in Christ, at this most holy time, when our Lord Jesus passed from death to life, the Church invites her members throughout the world to come together. This is the Passover of the Lord: if we honour the memory of his death and resurrection by hearing his Word and celebrating his Mysteries, we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

*The new fire is kindled and the president says*

Eternal God, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Make this new fire ✠ holy, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration, and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen**

*The Easter Candle is marked..*

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

*All*     **Amen.**

*Incense studs are inserted into the Easter Candle.*

By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

*All*     **Amen.**

*The president lights the Easter Candle, saying*  
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The congregation return to their places in Church. The Candle is then carried into Church and down the aisle, stopping three times. At each stop the following is sung*

President      Christ our Light.  
All              **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EASTER ACCLAMATION**

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
All      **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)**

*is sung by a minister, cantor or choir*

Sing choirs of heaven, let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Salute your king in glorious symphony!

Sing choirs of earth ! Behold your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past the day of life is here!

Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!  
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore!  
Let all God's people shout the long Amen! Amen.

### **HYMN**

*The Ministers vest, lights turned on and the altar Candles lit*

*Please remain standing*

# THE MINISTRIES OF WORD, RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS AND THE SACRAMENT

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Please stand*

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

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory  
Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.  
*All*    **Amen.**

## THE READINGS

*Please sit*

### First Reading

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN AT THE GRADUAL

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL READING

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

*All*     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*     **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

*Should there be Holy Baptism(s) then please go to the Supplement that includes both the Holy Baptism and the Renewal of Baptism Vows after which we return to page 9 of this booklet for the Peace and rest of the Service*

# THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Please stand*

*The president addresses the congregation*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of the Church.

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*All*     **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*All*     **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

*All*     **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*All*     **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*All*     **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*All*     **I come to Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

*The president stands before the water of baptism and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

*All*     **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The president continues with the prayer of Blessing over the water ...  
...at the end*

**All Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The people reaffirm their faith. The president addresses the congregation.*

Let us affirm, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

**All I believe and trust in him.**

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

**All I believe and trust in him.**

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?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

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

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of  
faith with all who have been baptised in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for  
that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect  
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

*All*     **Amen.**

*The President sprinkles us with the newly blessed holy water.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Please kneel*

Father, we thank you for the glories of Easter and for the promise of resurrection on this joyous morning. We thank you for the love that you have shown us in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the immeasurable gift of your Son. We pray that day by day we may draw closer to him, and be able to extend your love to others.

Your will be done

*All*     **On earth as in heaven.**

Father, in compassion we call to mind all who are in unwell either at home or in hospital especially remembering .....  
Restore and refresh them and let the light of your resurrection shine upon them.

Your will be done

*All*     **On earth as in heaven.**

Father, thank you for raising up Jesus. We remember all those who we have known and loved who are now with you including .....

May they rest in peace

*All*     **and rise in glory**

Father, we thank you for your many gifts to us and we look forward to the time when we are raised up to be with your Son, Jesus Christ, in heaven

Merciful Father,

*All*     **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Please stand*

*The president says*

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.

Alleluia.

*All* The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We greet each other saying 'The Lord is risen' and replying 'He is risen indeed'*

**Please note** that at the Distribution of Holy Communion please come to the Altar rail. If you only wish to receive a Blessing please bring this Service book with you.

**HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY** *during which the altar is prepared and the collection taken.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before  
you, which earth has given and human hands have  
made. It will become for us the bread of life.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before  
you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**



**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 consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*All* **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.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*During the distribution of Communion anthems or hymns are sung*

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live  
with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*All* **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.**

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

### THE BLESSING

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a  
glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Please do not take this booklet away with you**

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