

The Parish Church of St Paul, Wokingham



All Together Mass on Easter Day

A very warm welcome to St Paul's this morning, on this,
the most exciting day of the entire year!

If you have any questions about anything, please just ask.

Before the service starts, Notices are given, explaining
what happens at the end of the Service among other things.

**Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Short Opening Reading

Opening hymn

The Gathering

The Easter Responsory

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

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and new hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.
He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.

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

Christ is in our midst.
He is and always will be.

The Gloria, from the Mass of Villerville

*We welcome the joyous news of Christ's Resurrection
with percussion, party poppers and church bells.*

**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

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 stand open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for **the reading** (1 Corinthians 15.1-11)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand for **the Gospel** (Mark 16.1-8)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

We hear how the disciples discovered that Jesus had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Address

The Affirmation of Faith [We stand]

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

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 him.

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 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?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

The Prayers [We sit]

Risen Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Early in the morning, as the mist lifted from the soil,
Mary Magdalene and Jesus met.

Jesus called her by her name,
and all of her fears and mourning were driven from her heart
by his risen presence.

And so it is for us today,
his precious, healed, redeemed, beloved, Easter people.

We meet in his name and we share his peace.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

*During the peace we hold out Christ's peace to one another,
picturing the whole people of God gathered together in this moment.
Do please put your message in the comment box on YouTube, or text a friend,
whether you are in Church or at home.*

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Offertory Hymn

The Preparation of the Altar [We stand]

With this bread that we bring **we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring **we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring. **We shall remember Jesus.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his Name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest,
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (1)

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 thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

*Holy, Holy, **Holy.***

On this most glorious morn Jesus has burst from the tomb.
Our sorrow is turned to joy.
Our grief turns to delight.
Our hopelessness turns to dance.
Jesus has defeated death and led captivity captive.
Nothing at all can come between us and your great Love.

*Holy, Holy, **Holy***

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and 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.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died. **Jesus Christ has died.**
Jesus Christ is risen. **Jesus Christ is risen.**
Jesus Christ will come again. **Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

*Amen, Amen, **Amen.***

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

*Amen, Amen, **Amen.***

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen, Amen, **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.**

We break the bread [We sit]

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Lord, our hearts hunger for you. Give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

**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.**

The Invitation

Come to the feast not because you are perfect
but because it is Christ who invites you.
Come because he loves you and wants to give you everything.
Come because you have a little faith and you long for more.
Come because you know your need of his grace and generosity.
Come because all is ready and we are his Church, his Body.
To one and all, to you and to me, Jesus says come.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Christ is in our midst. He is and always will be.

*If you usually receive communion in your own church,
or you have done so in the past, you are most welcome
to receive communion on this most holy day.*

*If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing
please bring this order of service with you to the front.
If you're at home, please use this time to talk to the Risen Christ-
heart touching heart.*

**We thank God for his love, shown in this feast [We stand]
God of empty cross and opened tomb,
you have met us in Word and Sacrament.
You call us to live in your light and truth.
Strengthen us to grow in love for you and for one another:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

God the Father, by whose love
Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life.
God the Son, who burst from the grave
to win a glorious victory,
give you joy as you live the Easter faith.
God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord
breathed into his disciples,
strengthen you and fill you with Christ's peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
fill your hearts,
and rest upon you and remain with you
this glorious Resurrection day
and always. **Amen.**

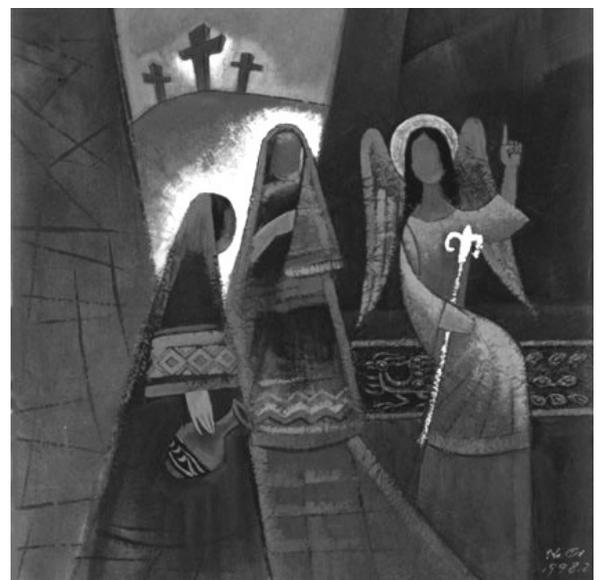
Final Hymn

The Blessing

Amen.

Amen.

Amen.



The Easter Garden

*At the Easter Garden a light in the tomb
is lit from the Paschal Candle.*

The angel said to the women: "Do not be afraid,
I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said."

**Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene
met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day;
speak to us as you spoke to her,
reveal yourself as the Living Lord,
renew our hope and kindle our joy,
and send us forth to share the good news with others. Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Let us then go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*At the end of the service you are invited to sit and enjoy the joyful piece of organ
music. You are then welcome to head home, if you need to, or to go into the
Churchyard through the South Door to join in two congregational hymns,
which are printed on the back page of this sheet.*

*They will be followed by the traditional Easter Egg hunt around the outside of
the Church for CHILDREN, primarily...*

*If you'd like to find out about everything that is happening in the parish,
please email church.office@spauls.co.uk
and we will happily put you on our regular mailing list.*

*There will be a collection plate and debit card machine as you leave if you would
like to make a donation to support the work of the parish.*

*You can text a donation to St Paul's to 70450, texting STPAULS5
or STPAULS10 or STPAULS20 to donate that amount of money.*

Do please use the handgel as you leave as well.

*The Angel said to the women:
“Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here but has risen.”*



*Then returning from the tomb
they told the eleven and all the rest.
It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna,
Mary the mother of James
and the other women with them
who told this to the apostles.*

[Luke, Chapter 24]

[“See what a morning” was written by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty.]

Jesus Christ is risen today

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!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Thine be the glory

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 vict'ry, 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, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

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. *Refrain*