

The Parish Church of St Paul, Wokingham



All Together Mass on Easter Day with Holy Baptism

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.

If you're using the Card Reader or putting money in the collection plate today,
thank you: please use a white Gift Aid envelope so we can claim the tax back.

All of our main services are Livestreamed at St Paul's, which allows a lot of
people who otherwise wouldn't be able to be part of it to join in.

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.**

[Optional Opening Reading]

We sing the **opening hymn (110)**

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.

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The Gloria

*We announce the joyous news of Christ's Resurrection
by singing praise to God, with percussion and church bells.*

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest,**

**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.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest.**

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.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest.**

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 Liturgy of Baptism

The Making of Promises

Today we thank God for these *children*
who have come to be baptised.

Christ welcomes them into his Church.

Will you promise to support *them* as *they* begin their journey of faith?

All: We will.

Parents and godparents, you have brought *these children* to baptism
and you speak for *them* today.

As we trust God for *their* growth in faith,

will you promise to care for *them*,

pray for *them* and help them to follow Christ?

Parents and Godparents: We will.

The Decision

Do you reject evil?

Parents and Godparents: I reject evil.

And all its empty promises?

Parents and Godparents: And all its empty promises.

Do you turn to Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?

Parents and Godparents: And put my trust in him.

The Sign of the Cross

The Priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate with holy Oil for Baptism

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him.

**Oppose the power of evil
and remain faithful to Christ
to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you
from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The Water of Baptism: *the candidate and their family move to the font*

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers
to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptised,
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?
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 Baptism

N, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

The Prayers *[We remain where we are, if we can]*

Risen Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

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, saying*
The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Offertory Hymn

*The bread and wine are brought up from the body of the Church.
A collection is taken to support the mission of St Paul's.
Holy things are censed, including God's holy people.*

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid?'
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with confidence,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crown'd with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

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 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 not able to come to the rail, please tell a sidesperson and communion will be brought to you in your seat. During communion the choir sing an anthem after we all sing 108.

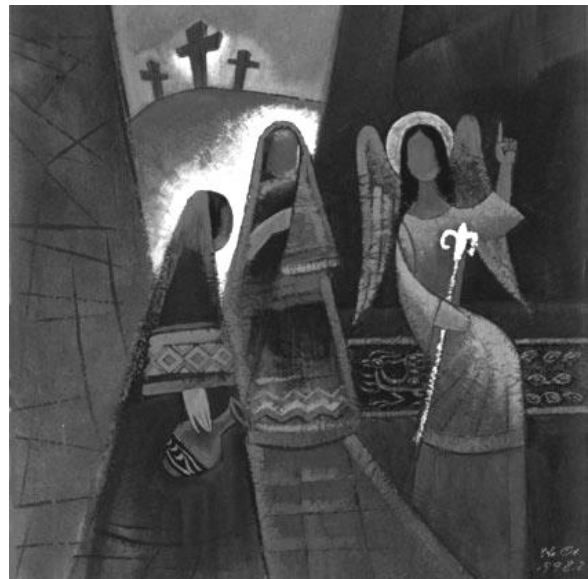
We thank God for his love, shown in this feast [We stand]
God of empty cross and opened tomb,
you have met us in Word and Sacrament.
You call us to live in your light and truth.
Strengthen us to grow in love for you and for one another:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**
God the Son, who burst from the grave to win a glorious victory,
give you joy as you live the Easter faith. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
strengthen you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**
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: 120



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.”

The lighted candle of baptism

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

N, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

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,
and to join in with the Easter Egg hunt around Church
which is primarily aimed for CHILDREN!*

*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 is 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 STPAULS10 or STPAULS20.

'See what a morning' was written by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty.

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]

