



Eastertide Holy Communion – gathered apart

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Welcome to St Matthias, wherever you are!

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

We make a new start with God

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song Holy, Holy, Holy.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Reflection

We affirm our faith

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe.**

Amen. Amen!

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Intercessions

Song Matt's Cats – 'Awesome'

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us Jesus
who By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
We tell of the Lord's death until he returns

Communion is taken

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Roll away the stone of our doubts;	Let us trust you.
Roll away the stone of our reserve;	Let us proclaim you.
Roll away the stone of our apathy,	Let us serve you.
Roll away the stone of our heavy hearts;	Let us rejoice in you now and always.

Song To God be the Glory

We receive God's Blessing and Commission

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

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

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

And the blessing ...
Amen.

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