



# EASTER DAY

APRIL

4

2021

# INTROIT

*Christ is risen, Hallelujah*

*Michael CW Bell*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,  
and the stars and the suns shout out on this Easter Day!  
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate  
in a great alleluia, a great alleluia  
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering  
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,  
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,  
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia  
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity  
to the music of God, God who has set us free!  
**You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;**  
with a great alleluia, a great alleluia  
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

*Words: Shirley Murray. Tune: Christ is Alive, Jillian Bray. AA 15*

# WELCOME

*Priest:* Kua ara a te Karaiti.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All:* ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,  
the love at our beginning and without end,  
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us, here we find new life.**

*Liturgist:*

On this Easter Day,  
we celebrate that the powers of despair and destruction  
do not have the final word;  
that new life can still break out;  
that love is stronger than death;  
and that nothing can stop the life, hope,  
and determination of Easter people.

**God of grace, we come today with Easter joy,  
seeking to be a people of resurrection.**

**Gather us together now,  
form us into a community of your people,  
and reveal to us the Holy One. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# KYRIE

*from "The St Paul Eucharist"*

*Katherine Dienes-Williams*

# A NEW COMMANDMENT

Hear the teaching of Christ:

A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

# GLORIA

*from "The St Paul Eucharist"*

*Katherine Dienes-Williams*

*Children are invited to come forward to share in the Children's  
Conversation and there are activities on the side table.*

# THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

**Living Christ, you are risen from the dead!  
Love reigns!  
You are life stronger than death;  
raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.  
Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

# THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>1</sup> *Johansen-Berg in "Bread of Tomorrow", adapted*

# THE GRADUAL HYMN

This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow;  
my love, the crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow:

*had Christ, that once was slain,  
**ne'er burst his three**-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:

*had Christ, that once was slain,  
**ne'er burst his three**-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

**Death's** flood has lost his chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:

*had Christ, that once was slain,  
**ne'er burst his three**-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)  
Tune: *Vruechten*, melody from J. Oudaen's 'Psalter',  
Amsterdam, 1685. Harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926). TIS 381

# THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Mark,  
chapter sixteen, beginning at verse one.



Hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_ hal-le-lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

*Mark 16:1-8*

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_ hal-le-lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! <sup>2</sup>

# THE SERMON

## ANTHEM

*Alleluia! the Lord liveth*

*Cuthbert Harris (1870-1932)*

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<sup>2</sup> *Music: Michael CW Bell*

# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Liturgist:*

Let us stand to affirm our resurrection faith.

We believe in the power of Christ  
to overcome all deaths,  
deaths in us and death in the world.  
We believe in life which rises in freedom  
and carries us in joy towards grace  
beyond our imagining,  
calling our spirits to soar in freedom  
with wings of hope  
borne high in the wonder of Easter Day.  
The gift of life will never be taken from us.  
The costly life of God will be our company  
for ever and for ever. <sup>3</sup>

*Please be seated.*

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for those far and near, people and places,  
powerful and powerless, all for whom we are concerned.

# THE PEACE

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.*

The peace of God be with you all.

**In God's justice is our peace.**

E te whanau, Christ calls us to live in unity.  
**We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.**

*Please turn and greet those around you with peace.*

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<sup>3</sup> Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days"

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN <sup>4</sup>

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in echo say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**  
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Hearts are strong and voices sing, Alleluia!  
Where O death is now your sting? Alleluia!  
As he died his truth to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Living out the words he said, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
Tune: Easter Hymn, later form of melody from 'Lyra Davidica', 1708. TIS 362*

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<sup>4</sup> During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's;  
for electronic giving option: text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast  
one off or ongoing donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.  
Or you can download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google  
Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.

# THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,  
blessing us with gifts to share.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit is here.

**God's hope is in us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
God our Creator and Lover.

You make all things and call them good.

You love us into being, you form us in your image  
and breathe into us the breath of life.

When we turn away, and our love fails,  
your love remains steadfast.

You deliver us from captivity,  
and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

You set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

*from "The St Paul Eucharist"*

*Katherine Dienes-Williams*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By his baptism of suffering and death  
you give your church birth into a living hope.  
Raising Jesus from the dead, you make a new covenant with us,  
by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom.  
We who were no people are now your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me

On the third day you raised him from the dead  
and revealed him to the women  
who came to the tomb to care for his body.  
On that day he was recognized by his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.

**Break the bread for freedom.  
Pour the wine for justice.  
Celebrate this meal for all the world,  
a meal of faith and hope,  
God's love, shared among us.**

And so, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
and we praise you and we bless you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in loving service to all the world,  
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.<sup>5</sup>

**Blessing and honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,  
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,  
me mātou hoki e muru nei,  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,  
Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.**

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<sup>5</sup> *Richard Fabian, St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco*

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

# AGNUS DEI

*from "The St Paul Eucharist"*

*Katherine Dienes-Williams*

# THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,  
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,  
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine;  
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

*There will also be a communion station at the font.*

*There is a chalice for dipping at the altar rails -  
simply hold the bread in front of you to signify your choice.*

*If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing.*

*If the stairs are a barrier please sit in the front pews  
and communion will be brought to you.*

*Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.*

*Te Kapu o te Ora. The cup of salvation.*

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Dum transisset Sabbatum*<sup>6</sup>

*John Taverner (1490-1545)*

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ,  
whom we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands;  
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:  
send us out to declare your truth,  
your unshakable faith in the world you love.  
Amen.<sup>7</sup>

# BLESSING

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<sup>6</sup> *When the Sabbath was past*

<sup>7</sup> *Steven Shakespeare*

## FINAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death has 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 victory thou o'er death has 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 is living, death has lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
**endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.***

No more, we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought 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.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
**endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.***

*Words: Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932),  
tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

*Tune: Maccabaeus, adapted from George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). TIS 380*

*Deacon from the rear of the Church:*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love. Alleluia, alleluia.

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Final (from Organ Symphonie No.1, Op.14)*

*Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*



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