



THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
*on*  
EASTER DAY

16 April 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Organ Prelude**

Trumpet Tune - *John Stanley (1713-86)*

**Hymn**

207 At the lamb's high feast we sing

*All stand as the celebrant and assistants enter.*

**The Our Father**

**Collect for Purity**

*All.* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Summary of the Law**

*Celebrant.* OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*All.* **Lord, have mercy upon us and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Kyrie Eleison**

*Merbecke*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in excelsis**

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant.* Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47)*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

*Psalm (118:1-4, 22-25)*

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious: / because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, / and that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now confess / that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Yea, let them now that fear the LORD confess / that his mercy endureth for ever.

22 THE same stone which the builders refused / is become the head-stone in the corner.

23 This is the LORD's doing, / and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; / we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Help us now, O LORD: / O LORD, send us now prosperity.

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:3-9)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### The Gospel Acclamation

*All stand.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia.*

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

*Alleluia.*

### The Gospel Reading

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Reader.* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### The Homily

*Please be seated.*

### The Creed

*All stand.*

I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Intercessions

*At the end of each petition:* Lord, in your mercy;

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

### The Confession & Absolution

*Minister.* Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*All.* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The celebrant gives the Absolution, at the end of which all respond, Amen.*

### The Comfortable Words

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Offertory

*All stand. Gifts of bread and wine are set on the altar and the collection is brought forward.*

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### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant.* Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.  
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

*All.* All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

### The Thanksgiving & Consecration

*Celebrant.* The Lord be with you;

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant.* Lift up your hearts;  
*People.* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
*People.* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The celebrant continues with the Preface.*

*All sing together the* Sanctus & Benedictus.

*All.* **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel. The priest continues with* The Consecration.

*At the end of the Consecration, all respond* Amen.

### **The Our Father**

*Celebrant.* As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:  
*All.* **OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 them that 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.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant.* The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access** *(together)*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

### **Agnus Dei** *(sung together)*

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

### **THE COMMUNION**

*If you have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Please proceed to the altar rail or to the communion station at the side altar if you wish to receive. The chalice is now being offered at the high altar. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, cross your arms over your chest. Intinction (dipping the host into the chalice) is not permitted at St. Paul's. If you would like Holy Communion brought to your pew, please notify a sidesperson prior to the beginning of the liturgy.*

### **Hymn during Communion**

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### **Choir Anthem**

Doubting Thomas - *O Filii Et Filiae, 15th Century, Text: Jean Tisserand, trans. By John Mason Neale, 1851, Arr. Mark Schweizer*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant.* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

*All.* **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant.* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn

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## Organ Postlude

Festival Prelude on 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today' - *Paul Fey*

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