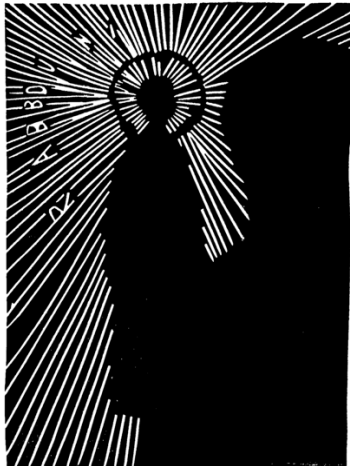


# Welcome to Holy Trinity Church



5<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Service of Light  
Easter Sunday Eucharist



## The Service of Light

*All the lights in the building are switched off.*

*This acclamation is used*

Christ yesterday and today,

**the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega,

all time belongs to him,

and all ages;

**to him be glory and power,**

**through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is marked, the incense studs inserted, and the Candle lit. It is then and raises.*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The light is shared throughout the church, and the altar candles lit. The candle is processed with the words above repeated.*

## The Exsultet

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

O Universe, dance around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour  
of your creation, radiant in the brightness of your  
triumphant King! Christ has conquered! Now his  
life and glory fill you! Darkness vanishes for ever!  
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!  
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

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.**

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and  
voices we should praise you, Father almighty, the  
unseen God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who has saved us by his death, paid the  
price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to  
you. For this is the Passover feast, when Christ, the  
true Lamb of God, is slain, whose blood

consecrates the homes of all the faithful. This is the day when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea. This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ. This is the day that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault. Most blessed of all nights *Crowning glory of all feasts!* Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

*Feast* truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering, this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers.

As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame fed by melting wax conceived by mother bee, grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light. For Christ the morning star has risen in glory; Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us! Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world! Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

**Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*A joyful noise is played, lights switched on and the people's candles extinguished.*

## **The Gloria**

**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 is said.*

## **Resurrection of the Alleluia**

*The children are invited to help resurrect the buried alleluia.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading - Acts 10.34–43**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 10.*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he

sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 118.1–2, 14–24**

***I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.***

○ give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.' The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

***I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.***

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will

rejoice and be glad in it.

***I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now, and shall be forever, Amen.***

### **Second Reading – Colossians 3.1–4**

*A reading from the letter to the Colossians chapter 3.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **The Gradual Hymn**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,

holy Zion's help for ever,  
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your loving-kindness;  
hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants  
what they seek from you to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory  
while unending ages run.

## **The Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

### **Alleluia**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 20.1–18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter

came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!'

(which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*The priest addresses the congregation.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

*The priest stands before the water of baptism and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Almighty God, ... now and for ever. Amen.

## Profession of Faith

*The people reaffirm their faith*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the  
right hand of the Father, and he will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*The waters of baptism are sprinkled over the people. As music is played. A prayer is said.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **The Offertory Hymn**

Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly King, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

### **Preparation of the Table**

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our  
sacrifice of praise.

As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father, and on this night of our  
redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your  
glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all  
creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

Accept our praises, ...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, ...

Through him, and with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught  
us

**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 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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,  
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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

**Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All those baptised and admitted to communion are welcome to receive communion, if you wish to receive a blessing please come forward with your arms crossed, please indicate if you wish to receive a wafer intincted into the wine or a gluten free wafer.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Post communion prayer for the day is said, followed by:*  
**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **The Blessing**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

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

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry 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, conqu'ring 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, conqu'ring 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 conqu'rors through thy deathless  
love.

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

## **The Dismissal**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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