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Sunday 20th April 2025
EASTER DAY

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Val Nellist
Readings: Robert Piper
Sidespeople: Ann Lees & Carol Kendall

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Herbert Howells: Sarabande for the Morning of Easter (*opening section*)

Opening Dialogue

stand

The angel said to the women: 'Whom are you seeking?' **Jesus of Nazareth, who died and was buried.**

The angel said: 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, but has been raised from the dead.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell the disciples.

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Opening Hymn

1 Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia*,
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia,*
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia,*
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia.*

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing *Alleluia*,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

3 But the pains that he endured *Alleluia*,
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,
where the angels ever sing *Alleluia*.

Lyra Davidica (1708) and others

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence*

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria Kilcreggan Mass (*see separate music sheet*) *stand*

Glory to God, 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, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 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, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, of God the Father. Amen, Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, who, through your Son, Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life: grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43 *sit*

34 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no
partiality,35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know
the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message
spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 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. 39 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; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed
him to appear, 41 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. 42 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. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone
who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gradual Hymn

stand

We shall draw water joyfully,
singing joyfully, singing joyfully;
we shall draw water joyfully
from the wellsprings of salvation.

1 Truly God is our salvation;
we trust, we shall not fear.
For the Lord is our strength,
the Lord is our song;
he became our Saviour.

2 Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;
give praise to his holy name!
Make his mighty deeds known
to all the nations;
proclaim his greatness.

3 Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord,
for all he has done glorious deeds.
Make known his works to all of the earth;
people of Zion, sing for joy,
for great in your midst, great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.

Paul Inwood (b. 1947) based on Isaiah 12:2-6
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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

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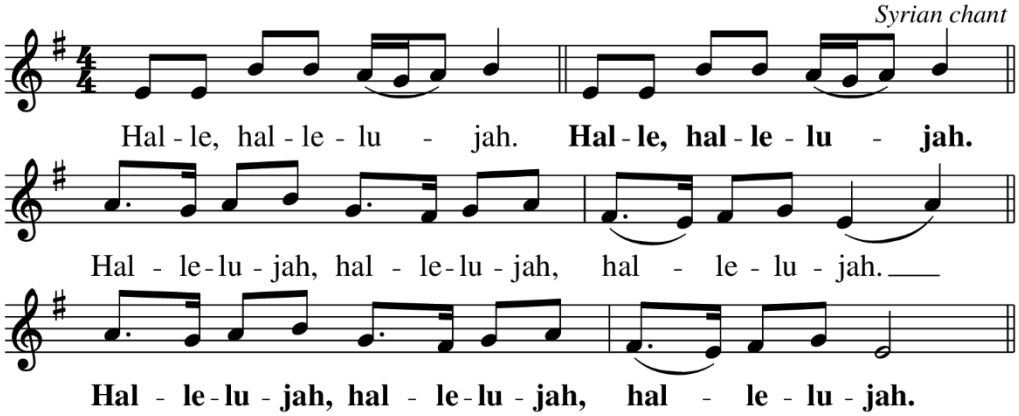
19If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20But in fact Christ has
been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21For since death came through a human
being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22for as all die in Adam, so all will
be made alive in Christ. 23But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong
to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed
every ruler and every authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his
feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel Acclamation

stand



As taught by
Metropolitan Mar Gregorios
Yohanna Ibrahim (b. 1948)
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Gospel: John 20.1-18

When it is announced: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

1Early 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. 2So 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.' 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4The two were
running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in
and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and
went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not
lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the

tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9]for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10]Then the disciples returned to their homes. [11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; [12]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. [13]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.' [14]When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15]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.' [16]Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). [17]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."' [18] 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.

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon: The Rector *sit*

Nicene Creed *stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions led by Mary Kenyon *sit or kneel*

The Peace *stand*

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn

1 This is the day of new beginnings.
This is the night when heaven meets earth.
This is the night filled with God's glory,
promise of our new birth!

Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 This is the night Christ our Redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness
empty for all to see.

3 Now will the fire kindled in darkness
burn to dispel the shadows of night.
Star of the morning, Jesus our Saviour,
you are the world's true light!

4 Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the power stronger than death.
Sing of the love endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth.

5 Into this world morning is breaking;
all of God's people, lift up your voice.
Cry out with joy, tell out the story;
all of the earth rejoice!

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
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Offertory Prayer

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending 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.

sit

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to his fearful disciples, welcoming weary fisherman on the shore, he renewed his promise of his presence and of a new birth in the Spirit, who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

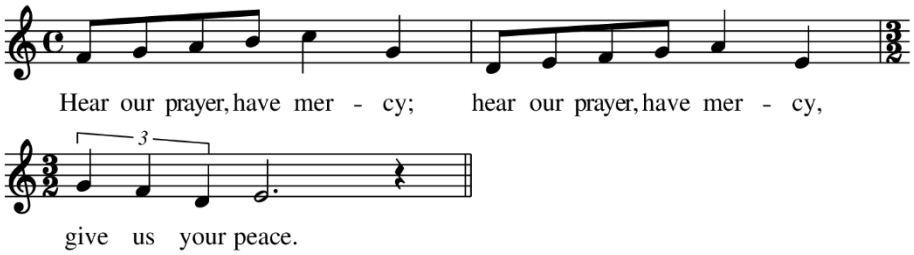
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

We sing the following refrain after each verse sung by the cantor:



Paul Inwood
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Communion

is administered in both kinds at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided. It is perfectly acceptable to only receive the bread, should you so wish. Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine) as this is not considered to be a hygienic practice. The communicant may respond with ***Amen*** *when receiving the bread and wine.*

Communion Hymn

1 Word that formed creation,
earth and sea and sky;
Word that brings salvation,
Word that will not die;
speak now in us
that we might hear your call;
Living Word of Jesus, sound within us all.

2 Love that formed and named us,
filled this clay with breath;
Love that seeks and claims us,
Love beyond all death;
come now and fire
the life that flows from you;
Love that raised up Jesus,
raise us anew.

3 Song of joy and wonder,
sound so wild and free;
voice of wind and thunder,
boundless as the sea;
Music of God, the love that casts out fear;
Song that sang in Jesus,
sing within us here.

4 God of all creation,
form our hearts anew;
God of our salvation,
lead us home to you;
Spirit, inspire our hearts to hear your call;
living God of Jesus,
come renew us all!

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)
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THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

stand

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

2 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:

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught 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:

French, 19th century, Edmond Budry (1854-1932)
tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

The Blessing & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Postlude Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre: Basse de Trompette

Thursday 24th April
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 27th April	**Readings**
EASTER 2	Acts 5.27-32; Revelation 1.4-8;
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**	John 20.19-31

Conservation Repair Work: The work by Cornerstone Traditional Masonry Ltd on the Church continues. The scaffold has been dismantled. Renewal of defective pointing, overhaul and painting of the guttering and downpipes is being carried out around the rest of the building. **The access round the rear of the Church will be closed off during the working day for the time being.** A mobile access platform is being used to enable works at high roof level and a mobile scaffold platform for the lower aisle level eaves. The storm damage roof repair at the South Chancel roof is being accessed from a scaffold tower in the angle between the Chancel and South transept. **PLEASE TAKE CARE** entering or leaving the buildings. **DO NOT ENTER AREAS MARKED WITH CONES OR BARRIERS**. Parking will be limited and vehicle circulation may not be possible. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.