

EASTER 2

(Third Sunday of Easter)

St Raphael's

2020



In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lord Jesus Christ, in this season of Easter we give you thanks for all the benefits of your passion and resurrection. You are Lord of life, and even death cannot conquer your love. As we celebrate your victory over sin, suffering and death, we wait for your Spirit, confident in the promises you have set before us, and rejoicing in our salvation.

**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

The Confession.

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 a moment of quiet...

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.

The Father of all mercies
Cleanse you from your sins
And restore in you his image
To the praise and glory of his name,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

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The Gloria

Refrain: *Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

- 1. Lord God heavenly King, peace you bring to us, we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.**
- 2. Jesus, saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

3. At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One and you alone are Lord.

4. Glory Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit! To you we raise our hands up high! We glorify your name

Risen Christ,
You filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
Strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life
And fill us with your peace
To the glory of God the Father,
Amen

We hear the first reading

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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**Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;**

**Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green**

We hear the Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Alleluia

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Oh Lord

Luke 24:13-35 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost

evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us¹⁴ while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Oh Christ

We hear a reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter (Easter 2)

We confirm our faith together in the words of the creed:

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 Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father...

We give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives: for family, friends, our local community and the joys that come with the returning Spring.

Heavenly Father, open our eyes to see the glories of this world, even in its fallen state, even in this present situation. Help us to be grateful people, holding open our arms in generous love to those in need.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We bring before God his Church in every place....

Holy God, we thank you for your Church throughout the world of every denomination, learning to worship and serve you in new ways. We thank you that in an unpredictable world, you remain constant, walking with us every step of our journey. May the coming weeks and months see your people turning to you with trust, hope and faith. Be with all those who are leaders in our Church, especially Bishop Nick and Bishop Helen-Ann, and with the people of all the five Churches of our Parishes, that in all that befalls us we may be able to say with confidence, "Great is thy faithfulness".

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We bring before God the needs of the nations....

Lord Jesus, reconciler, hope bringer, be with our world in this time of crisis. We pray for all world leaders burdened by decision making, researchers across the globe working together and searching for answers, for responsibility for media outlets searching for news, and for courage fortitude and safety for all those who work in health services, both close to home and throughout the world. As we recognise the privileged position we enjoy, we pray for those at particular risk due to homelessness, unsafe living conditions, physical and mental health difficulties and extreme poverty.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We bring before God the needs of our own community....

God of hope, we pray for those in our own community who are suffering: for those who are lonely, those who are unwell, those who are under financial stress, those who lack occupation and those who are overly busy. We pray especially today for the children of our community as they face the prospect of many more weeks away from school and peers, giving thanks for all teachers and carers working through these times who are offering much needed support.

Lord God, we bring before you especially those we know who are unwell, and amongst those who have died, we pray for the departed souls of Ruth Bland, Les Pratt, Mrs Marjorie Fielding, Ian, Ben Nelson-Roux, and Mary Stapleton and all those known to us. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may light perpetual shine upon them. We remember before God all those who mourn the passing of those they love, including Emma, Adam, Alison and Amy, Henry, Helen, Ben, Isobel, Charles, George and Emily, Janey, Damian, Henry, Teddy and Will, Pippa and John, Jay and Peter, Diane, Kate and Barry, Debbie and David, Claire and Laura, Karen, Paul, and Chloe.

We ask for God's healing presence to bring them light and hope into these most difficult of times.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We worship with Christians across the globe, and so we pray for one another in the words of
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 risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

Living God,
Your son made himself known to the disciples on the Emmaus road
In the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
That we may see him in all his redeeming work;
Who is alive and reigns, now and forever, Amen

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Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Let us pray together as our Saviour 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.

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead
open to you who believe the gate 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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always

Amen.

With the risen life of Christ within us
Let us live our lives in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

