

EASTER CELEBRATION 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!

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us and for all the pains that you have borne for us. Since we cannot, at this time receive your blessed body and blood, we ask you to be spiritually present in the hearts of each one of us on this most holy of days, and that we may know ourselves to be, along with all those who have worshipped you across all ages and across all nations, in communion with you by your Holy Spirit. Merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen**

**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!**

**Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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**

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

We hear the first reading

Acts 10:34-43 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Refrain... Alleluia, Alleluia

Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

He is the King of creation.... *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth

Jesus has died and has risen... *Alleluia, Alleluia*

We have been crucified with Christ

Now we shall live forever... *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Come let us praise the living God

Joyfully sing to our Saviour.... *Alleluia, Alleluia*

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 John

Glory to you Oh Lord

John 20:1-18 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Oh Christ

We hear a reflection for Easter.

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

We pray together bringing before God in our hearts...

.. the burdens of this world at this most difficult time

....our thanksgiving for those who work to bring healing and relief to those who suffer

...our prayers for peace and resurrection joy for those we love but see no longer.

These are unprecedented times – and yet it is still Easter, and the hope of new life that Jesus' resurrection brings is as real as it is at any other time. And so we pray in union with Christ and all the Saints these special prayers set for Easter time.

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his

glorious and life-giving resurrection in all places and at all times,

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That those who are persecuted for their faith, and those who are unable to worship in their Churches this year,

may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility

to be subject to one another in Christian love

accepting one another's help, and bearing one another's burdens

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may provide, through his people,

for those who lack food, work or shelter

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them.

We pray especially for those who are unwell or who are grieving known to us

who have asked for our prayers this week, including Henry, Helen, Ben,

Charles, George and Emily, Janey, Damien, Henry, Teddy and Will, Emma

and Adam, Alison and Amy, Sheila and Jim, Anne-Marie and Richard

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day, remembering before God Dave, Mary, Dorothy
and Charles,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

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 this morning, 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!

**God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:**

grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering 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.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering 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 conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

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.

