

# Holy Trinity Church, Killiney



Easter Sunday, 2023

Hymn: 271 Jesus Christ is risen today

**Welcome ~ Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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.**

**PENITENCE**

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. In silence for a moment, we confess to you our weakness and unbelief....

We have lived by our own strength, And not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, As faithless and not believing.  
Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy**

We have lived for this world alone, And doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy**

**ABSOLUTION**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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**

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.**

## The First Reading

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles: 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...

**Acts 10: 34-43**

## The Easter Anthems

**Stand**

- 1 Christ our passover has been | sacri•ficed | for us,  
therefore let us | cele|brate the | feast,
- 2 Not with the old leaven of cor|ruption • and | wickedness, but with the  
unleavened | bread of • sinc•erity • and | truth.
- 3 Christ, once raised from the dead | dies no | more; death has no | more do|  
minion | over him.
- 4 In dying, he died to sin | once for | all; in | living, • he | lives to | God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as | dead to | sin; and alive to God in | Jesus | Christ  
our | Lord.
- 6 Christ has been | raised • from the | dead: the | firstfruits • of | those who |  
sleep.
- 7 For as by | man came | death, by man has come also the resur|rection | of the  
| dead.
- 8 For as in | Adam • all | die, even so in Christ shall | all be | made a|live.

## The Epistle

**Sit**

A reading from the first letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>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...

Colossians 3: 1-4

## The Gospel

Stand

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>\*</sup> lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead,<sup>\*</sup> and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

Matthew 28: 1-10

## Sermon

Sit

## Affirmation of Faith

Stand

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God:

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself, and was obedient to death  
– even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

(Phil. 2:6-11)

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

## Intercessions

Kneel /Sit

As we celebrate the new life of Resurrection, let us pray to the one God, who brings us all to life.

Lord God, we pray that the church may proclaim with joy your message of hope for the world; may our lives as well as our worship testify to the truth of the Resurrection; broaden our vision of what is possible through new life in you. Lord, in your mercy....

Lord God, we pray for the world we inhabit; for those who lead, and take important decisions, and for those who follow or who are coerced or who have no voice. We pray for mercy and justice, compassion and integrity. Lord, in your mercy....

Lord God we pray for all babies, and those as yet unborn, that they may be born into a world of love and acceptance. We pray too, for those who provide foster care. and for all children at risk. Lord, in your mercy....

We pray for all parents and those who support them. We pray for the newly baptised and recently confirmed; for a deeper commitment to supporting one another as we grow in faith. Lord, in your mercy....

Lord God we pray for those who cannot think, for the pain or anguish which engulfs them; for all whose lives are troubled and insecure; for those who have little energy left to rejoice. Bring healing and the resources to cope with suffering, and bring us the grace to carry one another's burdens in love. Lord, in your mercy....

Lord God, we thank you for lives well lived, and commend to your keeping those who have died. Through the resurrection hope, may they know the joy of heaven. Lord, in your mercy....

Lord God we thank you for the precious gift of new life; may we never again take it for granted, but live each moment in the fullness of life that Jesus has gained for us.

And we say together;                      Merciful Father....  
**accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son ,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

Stand

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

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN      281    REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

**CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**  
**Creator of all, you wash away our sins,**  
**you give us new birth by the Spirit,**  
**and redeem us in the blood of Christ.**  
**As we celebrate the resurrection,**  
**renew your gift of life within us.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe where all things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.  
You give us happy times and things to celebrate;  
In these we see your kingdom and taste a feast for all to share.  
You made us all to love and to serve you;  
and so we join with the angels to sing your praise:

**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!**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples.  
This is my body, he said, given for you. Do this to remember me.  
After they had eaten,  
he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples.  
This is my blood, he said, poured out for you  
and for all people to save them from their sins.  
Do this to remember me.

Father, send your Holy Spirit,  
that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your only Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
and change us more and more to be like him.

**Make us joyful as we celebrate his death for us on the cross  
and his rising from the dead;  
and share these gifts which strengthen us to follow him.**

Help us to love all people  
and to work together for that day  
when all needs of the world are met, suffering is ended,  
and the whole of creation is gathered into your loving arms.  
**With all your saints we give you glory through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

#### **The Agnus Dei**

**Sit**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

#### **The Communion**

We will be using the chalice again for communion. Anyone who wishes to, may receive the bread only. Either return to your seat after receiving the bread, or when the chalice comes round, take it in your two hands without drinking from it, and say amen, and hand it back to the server. Children or anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

## The Great Silence

### Post Communion Prayer

Living God, for our redemption  
you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
you have delivered us from the power of our enemy.  
Grant us so to die daily unto sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of 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.**

### The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to  
walk with him in the newness of his risen life: and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

**Thanksgiving Hymn      288   Thine be the glory**

### Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Join us afterwards for an Easter Egg Hunt (Church grounds)  
and refreshments (The Carry Centre)**

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