

4TH APRIL 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

10:30 MORNING SERVICE

(IN PLACE OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING NATIONAL LOCKDOWN)

Canon Michael Roden, Leader; Bishop Robert Innes, Preacher

Dr Christina Edelen, Organist

Rachel Farr, Janneke van Schagen, Nelleke Roeleveld

and Fiona van Middelkoop-Vijverberg, singing;

Xiangji Zeng, James Hewitt and Fred Edelen, instrumentalists

PRELUDE Händel Trio Sonata in D, 1st and 2nd movements

OPENING HYMN CP 147 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, Hallelujah!
who did once upon the cross, Hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

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

But the pains which he endured, Hallelujah!
our salvation have procured, Hallelujah!
now in heaven above he's King, Hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

EASTER ANTHEMS

1 *Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦
so let us celebrate the feast,*

2 *not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3 *Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦
death has no more dominion 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.*

Romans 6.9–11

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

*Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon
you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

GLORIA

setting by Patrick Hopper

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.

COLLECT

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory

Lord of all life and power,

who through the mighty resurrection of your Son

overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin

and alive to you in Jesus Christ,

may reign with him in glory;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,

now and in all eternity.

Amen.

(PSALM) Psalm 150

1. Alleluia. O praise God ' in his ' holiness ;
praise him in the ' firmament ' of his ' power.
2. Praise him for his ' mighty ' acts ;
praise him ac'cording to his ' excellent ' greatness.
3. Praise him with the ' blast of the ' trumpet ;
praise him up'on the ' harp and ' lyre.
4. Praise him with ' timbrel and ' dances ;
praise him up'on the ' strings and ' pipe.
5. Praise him with ' ringing ' cymbals ;
praise him up'on the ' clashing ' cymbals.

Let everything ' that has ' breath ;
praise the ' Lord. ' Alle'luia.
*Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son ;
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.*
*As it was in the beg 'inning is ' now ;
and shall be for ' ever. ' A 'men.*

1ST READING 1 Peter 1: 1-12

read by Inge de Klerk

Grace and peace to you in fullest measure. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the inheritance to which we are born is one that can nothing can destroy, or spoil or wither. It is kept for you in heaven, and you, because you put your faith in God are under the protection of his power until salvation comes, the salvation which is even now in readiness and will be revealed at the end of time. This is cause for great joy even though now you smart for a little while, if need be, under trials of many kinds. Even gold passes through the assayer's fire and more precious than perishable gold is faith which has stood the test. These trials come so that your face may prove itself worthy of all praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. You have not seen him yet you love him and, trusting in him now without seeing him, you are transported with a joy too grateful for words while you reap the harvest of your faith, that is salvation for your souls. Salvation was the theme which the prophets pondered and explored, those who prophesied about the grace of God awaiting you. They tried to find out what was the time and what the circumstances to which the spirit of Christ in them pointed foretelling the sufferings in store for Christ and the splendours to follow and it was disclosed to them that the matter they treated of was not for their time but for yours and now it has been openly announced to you through preachers who brought you the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. These are things that Angels long to see into.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN

CP 145 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Lord of life is ris'n today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let ev'ry tongue rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

We praise in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Your name we bless O risen Lord
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down the Life restored
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL**JOHN 20:1-18**

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and

believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' ¹⁴ At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

¹⁷ Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: '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

Bishop Robert Innes

CHOIR ANTHEM

Gloria, by A. Vivaldi

CREED

Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene 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 from 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.

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.

INTERCESSIONS

led by Katherine Fortier

THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we, your servants, give you our hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we ask you, give us that due sense of all your mercy,
that our hearts may be completely thankful,
and that we show your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking with you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY

CP 153 Now the Green Blade Riseth

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 whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake 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,
e that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy 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.

NOTICES**BLESSING****CLOSING HYMN**

CP 160 Thine be the Glory

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.*

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 hast lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, ...

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.
Thine be the glory, ...

POSTLUDE

Händel Trio Sonata in D,
3rd and 4th movements