

Sunday *@ St Andrew's*

Festal Eucharist for Easter Day

20th April 2025
10.30am

President : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey
Deacon and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster



The Gathering

Introit *sung by the choir*

Christians shout for joy and gladness *Bach*

Opening Hymn 205: Jesus Christ is risen today

The president greets the congregation

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

All Amen

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The president welcomes the congregation and the deacon then introduces the confession:

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Kyrie Eleison *we sing together*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

The President grants God's 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.

All Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

**Glory to God in the Highest
and peace to his people on earth
Lord God, Heav'nly King
Almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

**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
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, then gathers our prayers together with the 'collect' for the day.

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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Acts 10:34-43

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.'

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 208: Light's glittering morn

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia.

John 11.25,26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(20.1-18)

We sing together

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 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." ' 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

We sing together

All Praise to you O Christ.

Please sit

SERMON *The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster*

Please stand

THE CREED

**All 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.**

Intercessions

We are led in prayer by a member of the congregation.

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in
you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**All in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers,
and be with us always.**

Amen

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M,
Noel, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, Jane G,
David. S.M, Faith F, Jane B.

In memoriam: Alison Jackson

The Peace *Please 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. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

The deacon says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace safely with those around us by saying
'peace be with you'*

Offertory Hymn 212: Now the green blade riseth

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THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*

Musical notation for the Eucharistic Prayer, consisting of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you R. and al-so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'R. It is right to give thanks and praise.'

The Lord be with you R. and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts

the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus *we sing together*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.
Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.
As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.
Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom,

where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

Lord Jesus, you teach us to pray:

**All 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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God) *we sing together*

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

*Communion will be administered at the High Altar and at the west end
of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the
stewards.*

**Communion Hymn 204: If Christ had not been raised from
death**

Communion Anthem *sung by the choir*
Blessed be the God and Father Wesley

Prayer after Communion

The Minister leads the congregation in prayers after communion

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.

All Amen

Final Hymn 218:Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

The Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

The Dismissal

The deacon says

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

News and Notices

Any item to be included in News & Notices should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12 noon.

Electoral Roll If you are a regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. This enables you to vote at the annual meeting and you may also like to think about being on our church council. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash to check if you are already a member or if you would like a form to complete.

Gift Aid Envelope Each week there are a number of Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes that we cannot use as the detail boxes have not been completed. Without this information we are unable to claim the 20% enhancement on your giving from HM Government and the envelope used, if sealed, is also wasted. Thank you for your assistance.

The St Andrews' 100 Club Due to demand it has been decided to extend the return date for your completed application forms for The St Andrews' 100 Club to 20 April to participate in the year from April 2025 to March 2026. Each ticket is £25 for the year; payable by standing order or cheque and there is no upper limit to the number you may hold, half of the total funds raised go to the work of St Andrews' Church with the remainder becoming the prize fund for the year. Thank you for supporting the work of St Andrews.

Annual Church Meeting and Lunch 11th May. Our 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after church on Sunday 11th May, followed by lunch. Do stay for this opportunity to celebrate the past year at St Andrew's and look forward to future plans. Elections to the PCC (the church council) also take place at this meeting - do have a word with any of the clergy, wardens or current PCC members if you are interested in standing.

Bereavement Point 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shopround1938@gmail.com



Diary for the week 21st – 27th April:

Monday

Closed - Bank Holiday

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Reflective Eucharist

1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert

6.30pm Free Voice

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Holy Communion

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Big Table Gospel Group

6.30pm Board Games Group

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer

Saturday

Rugby Food Festival

10am Café Open

8.00pm Candlelit Concert

Sunday 27th April

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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