



# ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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*An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action*

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## **Easter Day**

## **Holy Communion**

Setting: *The Little Organ Mass* - Joseph Haydn



# ***The Gathering of the People of God***

## **Organ and Brass Prelude**

*Psalm 19 - The Heavens declare the glory of God*  
Benedetto Marcello (1686 - 1759)

## **Processional Hymn**

### ***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*** (Easter Hymn)

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
3. 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!
  
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayers of Approach and Confession**

**...Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart,  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We remain seated for the Kyrie.*

## **Kyrie**

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**...This is the Gospel.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the Gloria.*

## **Gloria**

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te; benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dextram Patris, O miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God in the highest.  
And in earth peace to men of good will.  
We praise Thee; we bless Thee;  
we worship Thee; we glorify Thee.  
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord,  
thou only art the most high, Jesus Christ.  
Together with the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

# *The Service of the Word*

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:

**A light to our path.**

## **First Reading**

*Acts 10: 34-43*

**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."

# Anthem

## ***Gloria in excelsis Deo***

***Text: Luke 2:14***

***Music: Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741)***

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.* Glory to God in the highest.

## **Gospel Reading**

*St Mark 16: 1-8*

**1** When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Lord, may your Word live in us:

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

# Hymn

## ***Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky***

(Lasst uns erfreuen)

1. Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry;  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
  
2. While He, the King, the mighty King,  
Despoiling death of all its sting,  
And, trampling down the powers of night,  
Brings forth His ransomed saints to light.
  
3. His tomb of late the threefold guard  
Of watch and stone and seal had barred;  
But now, in pomp and triumph high,  
He comes from death to victory.
  
4. The pains of hell are loosed at last;  
The days of mourning now are past;  
An angel robed in light hath said,  
"The Lord is risen from the dead."

# Sermon

# Hymn

## ***I know that my Redeemer lives!***

(Duke St)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living Head!
  
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.
  
- 3 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.
  
- 4 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*We remain standing to say the Nicene Creed...*

# 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 became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped & 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 sit for the...*

# Concerns of the Church

## Prayers of the People

### Offering and Dedication

*La Réjouissance (from The Royal Fireworks Suite)*

George F. Handel (1685 - 1759)

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering  
and remain standing for the Passing of the Peace.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness, we have this money to offer,  
which we have earned  
using the talents that you have given us.  
It will further the work of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# ***The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

## **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Hymn**

### ***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*** (Hyfrydol)

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."
  
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?

*PTO for verses 3 & 4*

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*The congregation remains standing for the...*

## **Invitation**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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.**

Thanks and praise, glory and honour are rightly yours, our Lord and God, for you alone are worthy. In time beyond our dreaming you brought forth life out of darkness, and in the love of Christ your Son you set man and woman at the heart of your creation...

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

## **Sanctus**

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Osanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you that you called a covenant people to be a light to the nations. Through Moses you taught us to love your law, and in the prophets you cried out for justice.

In the fullness of your mercy you became one with us in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us on the cross. You make us alive together with him, that we may rejoice in his presence and share his peace.

By water and the Spirit you open the kingdom to all who believe, and welcome us to your table: for by grace we are saved, through faith.

We bless you, Sovereign God, ruler of the universe, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who on the night of his betrayal took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for everyone for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

**With vigour *ff***

Organ Christ has died, Christ is  
ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out the Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Make us one with him, one with each other, and one in ministry in the world, until at last we feast with him in the kingdom. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, in your holy Church, all honour and glory are yours, Father almighty, now and for ever.

With vigour

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As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we are confident to pray...

## Lord's Prayer

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The congregation sits*

## Breaking of the Bread

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei.  
Dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God,  
Who takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God.  
Grant us peace.

## Distribution of the elements

*Please retain the bread and wine after receiving it so that we may all eat and drink together.*

## Communion Motet

*(during the distribution)*

### Benedictus

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is He that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Communion

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

# *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

**Hymn**      *Thine be the glory*      (Maccabæus)

1. 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.*

2. 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.

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

*Brass interlude*

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

## Blessing

... and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

## Sung Amen

### Sevenfold Amen

Stainer

A - men, A - men, A - men, A

men, A men, A men, A - men.

## Organ & Brass Postlude

*Hallelujah Chorus (from 'Messiah')*

George F. Handel (1685 - 1759)

*The congregation is invited to join in singing.  
Please use the congregational music scores provided.*

We thank the *St Stephen's Brass Ensemble* for  
leading us in our worship this Easter Day.

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