

Final hymn: Beauty for brokenness

Beauty for brokenness
 Hope for despair
 Lord, in the suffering
 This is our prayer
 Bread for the children
 Justice, joy, peace
 Sunrise to sunset
 Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
 Cures for their ills
 Work for the craftsman
 Trade for their skills
 Land for the dispossessed
 Rights for the weak
 Voices to plead the cause
 Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor
 Friend of the weak
 Give us compassion we pray
 Melt our cold hearts
 Let tears fall like rain
 Come, change our love
 From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars
 Havens from fear
 Cities for sanctuary
 Freedoms to share
 Peace to the killing-fields
 Scorched earth to green
 Christ for the bitterness
 His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
 Oceans and streams
 Plundered and poisoned
 Our future, our dreams
 Lord, end our madness
 Carelessness, greed
 Make us content with
 The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
 Breathe on this flame
 Until your justice
 Burns brightly again
 Until the nations
 Learn of your ways
 Seek your salvation
 And bring you their praise

CHRIST CHURCH
 SHOOTERS HILL



2nd Sunday of Easter
 19th April 2020

Preparation

Please, take some time before the service for quiet reflection, if possible. Focus on being in God's presence and prepare yourself for the start of the service.

This prayer may help you as you prepare for the service:

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.

Then we pray together:

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

Quiet music is played O filii et filiae.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Gathering**Introit Hymn Breathe on me, breath of God*

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I have one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of Penitence

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 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.

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.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 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.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**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

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Let us pray

Silence

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins
 and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the
 leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you
 in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son
 Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20 - 21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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 forever the hymn of your glory.

**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.**

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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 Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

Prayer at the preparation of the altar.

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.**

land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the
sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their
right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the
sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot
drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and
cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the
Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that
they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from
the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'
Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the
sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon
their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his
hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal
depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the
Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the
chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that
had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But
the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters
forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the
LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw
the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work
that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared
the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.
Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in
her hand; and all the women went out after her with
tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to
the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he
has thrown into the sea.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading***Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Lord, in your presence
we lift our hearts to you.

We bring to you, O God, those whom life has damaged,
and all who find it difficult to trust in you;
and all those who are struggling with isolation,
fear and anxiety at the moment;
we bring you those who need refreshment and hope,
comfort, healing and inner serenity.

Silence

Lord, in your presence
we lift our hearts to you.

We bring to you, O God,
those who approach death with great fear
and those who die unprepared to meet you.
Have mercy on us all, forgive us all that is past
and gather us into your everlasting kingdom of peace and joy.

Silence

Lord, in your presence
we lift our hearts to you.

We bring to you, O God, the love of our hearts
as we recall the extent of your love for us
which understands our frailty and reaches out to us where we are.

Silence

Lord, in your presence
we lift our hearts to you.

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate God's presence in the midst of us, let us pray....

We bring to you, O God, the church in all her richness,
all her need and all her current challenges;
all her diversity and all her division.

Give us a fresh understanding of what it means to live in you;
may all of us – both laity and clergy together –
celebrate the reality of your presence among us,
filling us with new life and new hope.

Silence

Lord, in your presence
we lift our hearts to you.

We bring to you, O God, our nation, our world, or universe;
all the areas that are fastened shut to hold you out;
all the bewildered confusion
about who we are and why we are here;
all the doubts and insecurity, and all the searching for inner peace.

Silence

Lord, in your presence
we lift our hearts to you.

We bring to you, O God, our homes and families,
and all the joys and sorrows of our relationships.
We bring the rooms in which we eat and work, sleep and relax –
rooms that are more important than ever to us now
and invite you into them all.

Silence

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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 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.