

EASTER SUNDAY

12TH APRIL 2020



St Clare's
Roman Catholic
Church



This is the greatest day of the year, for today Our Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, and He opens up for us the way to heaven. We seek to follow Him in this life, so that we may follow Him to the next.

The resurrection is nothing less than a new creation. Jesus does not rise to the old life, in which – like us – He could suffer, feel pain and hunger, grieve or experience sadness. He rises to a new life in which all suffering is ended, and He will never die again. “The world of the past is gone” (Revelation 21:4). This is the life He wants to share with us: a perfect life, the life of heaven. This new creation begins with Easter.

The disciples were slow to believe in the risen Lord: at first they did not understand the meaning of the empty tomb; often they failed to recognise the Lord when He appeared to them; St Thomas ‘refused to believe’ until He could see and touch the risen Lord.

But we walk by faith, not by sight: today, without seeing the risen Christ, we already rejoice in His presence and what He gives to us. As the Lord led the disciples to believe in His resurrection, may He strengthen our faith, too, that we may recognise the risen Lord, as the first Christians did, at the Breaking of Bread – the celebration of the Eucharist which we share today.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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!

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!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with Him after His resurrection.

PSALM: 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

SEQUENCE

Victimae paschali laudes, alleluia, alleluia!

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise;
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb, and Christ, the undefiled
hath sinners to His Father reconciled.

Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion slain, yet lives to reign!

Tell us Mary, say, what thou didst see upon the way:
'The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as He rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting!
Christ, my hope, is risen. He goes before you into Galilee.'

That Christ is risen from the dead we know:
Victorious King, Thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed.
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After each question, we answer:

All: **I do.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

*You have made known unto me the ways of life. You will find me with joy
at the sight of Your countenance, O Lord.*

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time,
we are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia. Therefore let us keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of uprightness and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

DISMISSAL



Thanks be to God, al-le-lu - ia, al-le_____ lu - ia!___

FINAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the vict'ry 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 vict'ry 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 hath lost its sting.

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.





Sundays during Eastertide at St Clare's (livestreamed):

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 4pm

Sung Vespers and Benediction: 4:30pm



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