

Easter Day with the Service of Light and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 20 April 2025, I Iam

President: The Revd Dr John Barker Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade



WELCOME

to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

All Hallows is a member of Inclusive Church and we are delighted you have joined our worship today. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need any assistance during the service. If you are able, we'd love you to join us for refreshments when the service has finished.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate

Thank you.



Security Notice

We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

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Welcome to All Hallows on Easter Day

Traditionally, the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated in the middle of the night. Because we are a gathered congregation, some of whom travel a great distance, we celebrate together on Easter Morning.

The Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire at the beginning of our liturgy and it will remain lit at all our liturgies in the forty days following Easter.

It is traditional for new Christians to be baptised and confirmed on Easter night and the services for Easter Day contain a reminder of this in the renewal of baptismal vows for all believers.

Music before the Service

Christ lag in Todes Banden BWV 695 – J S Bach Organist: David Cook

Welcome and Introduction

The lights are extinguished in the church as we gather outside the south door.

The Service of Light

The new fire is kindled.

The Easter candle is marked.

Christ yesterday and today,

All the beginning and the end.

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;

All to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

Five nails of incense, signifying the wounds of Christ, are inserted into the candle.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

All Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The minister lights the Easter candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister, bearing the candle, enters the body of the church.

The candle is raised. The minister says and everybody responds:

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet

The Easter Song of Praise is sung.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!
Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation, radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!

The Lord be with you All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to you.

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the day when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea.

This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

This is the day that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.

Crowning glory of all feasts! Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Feast truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light. For Christ the morning star has risen in glory; Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us! Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world! Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

ΑII



A - men.

The Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A fanfare is played on the organ and the bells are rung, during which the candles of the church are lit and the statue and icons are unveiled.

Gloria



The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept

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.

The people are invited to extinguish their candles

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 10.34-43

Read by John Price

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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118.14-24

Sung by Dorothy Lawrence



The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. **R**/

Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **R**/

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. **R**/

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. **R**/

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **R**/

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**/

Second Reading | Corinthians | 15.19-26

Read by Howard Redgewell

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

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 that he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Latin hymn, 14C tr from the Lyra Davidica 1708 Tune: Easter Hymn

All turn to face the Gospel as the reader leads the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Reading John 20.1-18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Revd Nicol Kinrade

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand.

The minster moves to the font.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous life. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

The Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

All Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the River Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The congregation are sprinkled with holy water.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Dorothy Lawrence

lesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

At the end:

Jesus, Lord of life,

All accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

St John of Damascus (c.750) Tr JM Neale (1816-66) Tune: Ellacombe

The Preparation of the Table

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection power; through Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 on this day of our redemption 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:



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; 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.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

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. o this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

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.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

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:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

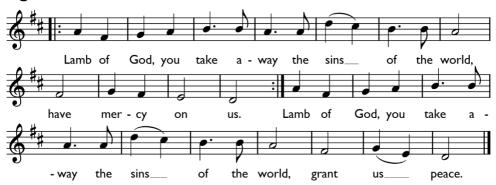
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

All Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei



Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Music During Communion

Choral Prelude on 'Christ the Lord is risen again' - J G Walther

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

The Dismissal

Please stand.

Final Hymn

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 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.

W Walsham How 1823-97 Tune: Herongate

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen.

God the Son,

who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All 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.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Music after the Service

Fugue on Handel's Judas Maccabaeus – A. Guilmant

You are warmly invited to stay for sparkling wine and refreshments after the service. An Easter egg hunt is available for the children.

A joyous Easter to you and your loved ones

The Easter Flowers

The flowers this week were given in memory of:

Rosa Alice Laken

Selvi Stephen Laken

Mary Barclay James Main

Bill Barker Beatrice Marshall

Peggy Barker Frederick Marshall

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Switch Worms

Jay Kumar

Notices

Thank you

We would also like to thank all the holy dusters who helped with preparing the church for Easter by polishing all the brass and cleaning the church.

London Marathon next Sunday

The London marathon takes place on Sunday 27 April. The race will pass outside All Hallows, and nearby roads will be closed. It won't be possible to drive to church next week, and you'll need to use the underpasses to cross the road. We will have a said Eucharist at 10am.

After the service we will be offering refreshments to spectators and runners. If you are available for an hour to help, please speak to Di.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is an opportunity to look back and celebrate the activities of the last year and look forward to the year ahead. We will elect our Churchwardens and PCC for the coming year. Please join us after the Eucharist on **Sunday 4 May**.

Taizé Music Practice

All who would like to join are welcome at the next Taizé music practice. The next practice will be after the Taizé Prayer service on Wednesday 23 April. After that there will be a practice every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Each practice will finish by 8pm.

Looking Closer, Looking Deeper

Podcast episode I I is now out! "To The Lonely Sea And The-Sky - The Old Worcesters" To listen, go to www.spotify.com and search for 'All Hallows by the Tower', or use link: https://rb.gy/yqozty

The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

Services at All Hallows

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church. Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on Zoom.

Monday 21 April

Easter Monday - Church Closed

Tuesday 22 April

8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 23 April

8.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Taizé Prayer

followed by Music Practice

Thursday 24 April

8.30am Said Eucharist 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 25 April

8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 26 April

10am: Morning Prayer4.30pm Evening Prayer

6pm London Marathon Service

Sunday 27 April: The Second Sunday of Easter

10 am Parish Eucharist (said service); Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade

Taizé - Wednesdays at 6pm

Our weekly Taizé service takes place in church and online. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection. If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online, you can view the livestream at ahbtt.org.uk/livestream.

Zoom links are included in our weekly email, but if you would like a link for a particular service or event please email **parish@ahbtt.org.uk**.

Weekly Email

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Byward Kitchen & Bar

The Byward Kitchen is open for drinks, meals and light refreshments from 9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

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