

Welcome to **St Andrew's
Thornhill Square**

Holy Communion

for the

5th Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024, 10.30am

We expect to livestream this service.
We all join in the words in **bold** type.
At the points where you are invited
to **stand**, please remain **seated**
if you prefer.



We Gather

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

Hymn Please **STAND**

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CHARLES WESLEY (1707–88)

Please remain **STANDING**

We Confess

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

The president declares God's forgiveness.

Please remain **STANDING**

We Praise The Peruvian Gloria

Please sing in response to the cantor

Glory to God...
**Glory to God,
glory to God,
Glory in the highest:**

To God be glory for ever:
To God be glory for ever:

Alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen!

The Collect (the prayer for today)

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Please **SIT**

New Testament Reading Acts 8.26-end

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went.

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water!

What is to prevent me from being baptized?'

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn *Please STAND*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him now
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

DAVID EVANS (1957-)

Please remain STANDING

Gospel Reading John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples,

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please SIT

Sermon

We Proclaim Our Faith

Please STAND

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

We Pray for God's World

Please SIT

We may use this response

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end we may say

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

We Share Christ's Peace

Please STAND

Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Hymn *Please remain STANDING*

*We gather the **collection** as we sing.
Would you like to be a regular giver to St Andrew's?
See the message in the Notices on the last page.*

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

MARTY HAUGEN (1950–)

Please remain STANDING

We Give Thanks Eucharistic Prayer E

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.

*We give thanks for God's goodness
and especially for the raising of Jesus from the dead.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.**

We recall the Last Supper.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

At the end of the prayer we respond boldly **Amen.**

We Break Bread

The Lord's Prayer

Please SIT

**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.**

As the bread is broken

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

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

We Share in Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Draw near with faith.

*If you are a **visitor**, and receive **communion** in a church
you usually attend, whether it is in the Church of England or
not, please feel welcome to receive communion this morning.*

*If you prefer, please come to receive a **blessing** instead.*

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Are you – or would you like to be – a **regular giver to St Andrew's?**

Why not use the new **Parish Giving Scheme?**

If you do

- our parish will receive your money and any Gift Aid automatically
- you will be able to contribute even when you can't be here in person
- you will save us administration costs and help us budget for God's work over the coming year.

Please use this QR code to set things up.



Hymn *Please STAND*

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.*

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:

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:

A toi le gloire, O Ressuscité EDMOND BUDRY (1854–1932)

translated by RICHARD BIRCH HOYLE (1875–1939)

We Go Out to Serve God

Blessing

With his risen life within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please stay for coffee, tea or a cold drink

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