

**ST MARY DE CASTRO: SUNG MASS ON SUNDAY 27 APRIL**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**WELCOME**

*We would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to St Mary's. If you are a baptized member of the Church of England, or of any other Church that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, you are very welcome to receive communion this morning. If you do not wish to take communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

**THE PREPARATION**

*The organ will start to play from five minutes before the start of the service. During this time the following may help members of the congregation with their preparation.*

**Collect for Purity:** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. *from C.S.Lewis, [Is Theology Poetry?](#) (quoted in Alister McGrath, [Mere Apologetics](#))*

The Resurrection of Jesus is not just wonderful news or the happy ending of a story, but something that changes our lives completely and forever. *Pope Francis, [Easter Monday 2024](#)*

**INTROIT HYMN**

*At the entry of the Altar Party all STAND and sing the Introit Hymn. If you are able, please remain standing until the first reading.*

**NEH 112**

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| 1. JESUS lives! thy terrors now<br>Can, O Death, no more appal us;<br>Jesus lives! by this we know<br>Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.<br>Alleluya!        | 4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well<br>Nought from us his love shall sever;<br>Life, nor death, nor powers of hell<br>Tear us from his keeping ever.<br>Alleluya! |
| 2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death<br>But the gate of life immortal;<br>This shall calm our trembling breath,<br>When we pass its gloomy portal.<br>Alleluya! | 5. Jesus lives! to him the throne<br>Over all the world is given;<br>May we go where he is gone,<br>Rest and reign with him in heaven.<br>Alleluya!                |
| 3. Jesus lives! for us he died;<br>Then, alone to Jesus living,<br>Pure in heart may we abide,<br>Glory to our Saviour giving.<br>Alleluya!                    |  |

## THE GREETING

**Priest** ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All** Amen.

**Priest** Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## THE PENITENTIAL RITE

**Priest** My brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament, let us call to mind  
and confess our sins.

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against thee  
and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life  
to the glory of thy name. Amen.

## THE ABSOLUTION

**Priest** 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.

**All** Amen.

## KYRIE ELEISON (SUNG)

**All** Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.  
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.  
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*  
*(Christ, have mercy.)*  
*(Lord, have mercy.)*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)

**Priest** Glory be to God on high,  
**All** and in earth peace, good will towards men.

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, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
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 God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high  
✠ in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## THE COLLECT

**Priest** Let us pray.  
Almighty Father, who hast given thine 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 thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*SIT*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5. 27-32)

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### THE PSALM (SUNG)

#### Psalm 150

O praise God | in his | holi-ness : praise him in the | firma-ment | of his | power.  
Praise him in his | noble | acts : praise him ac- | cording to his | excel-lent | greatness.  
Praise him in the | sound of the | trumpet : praise him up- | on the | lute and | harp.  
Praise him in the | cymbals and | dances : praise him up- | on the | strings and | pipe.  
Praise him upon the | well-tuned | cymbals : praise him up- | on the | loud | cymbals.  
Let every thing | that hath | breath : praise | — — | — the | Lord.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Revelation (Revelation 1. 4-8)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**STAND****NEH 296**

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| <p>1. LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendour,<br/>First-begotten from the dead,<br/>Thou alone, our strong defender,<br/>Liftest up thy people's head.<br/>Alleluya,<br/>Jesu, true and living Bread!</p>       | <p>4. Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished<br/>Once for all when thou wast slain,<br/>In its fullness undiminished<br/>Shall for evermore remain,<br/>Alleluya,<br/>Cleansing souls from every stain.</p> |
| <p>2. Here our humblest homage pay we;<br/>Here in loving reverence bow;<br/>Here for Faith's discernment pray we,<br/>Lest we fail to know thee now.<br/>Alleluya,<br/>Thou art here, we ask not how.</p>     | <p>5. Life-impacting heavenly Manna,<br/>Stricken Rock with streaming side,<br/>Heaven and earth with loud hosanna<br/>Worship thee, the Lamb who died,<br/>Alleluya,<br/>Risen, ascended, glorified!</p>   |
| <p>3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee<br/>As of old in Bethlehem,<br/>Here as there thine angels hail thee,<br/>Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.<br/>Alleluya,<br/>We in worship join with them.</p> |   |

**THE GOSPEL**

**Priest** The Lord be with you

**All** and with thy spirit.

**Priest** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 20. 19-31)

**All** ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

**Priest** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**SIT**

*A homily may be preached.*

THE NICENE CREED (**SUNG**)**STAND**

**Priest** I believe in one God,

**All** the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things  
visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven, (*Genuflect or bow*)  
*and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,*  
*and was made man, (Stand)*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

**KNEEL OR SIT**

**Priest** Let us pray.

*After each intention the following responses may be used:*

Lord, in thy mercy

**All** hear our prayer.

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

**All** Lord, graciously hear us.

*And at the end:*

**Priest** Merciful Father,

**All** accept these prayers  
for the sake of thy Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**THE PEACE**

**STAND**

*This, or another suitable preface to the peace is said:*

**Priest** 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.

*[John 20: 19,20]*

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and with thy spirit.

**Priest** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.  
*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**THE OFFERTORY**

*During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented in the Collection.*

**NEH 338**

1. AT the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.

2. At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the host of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.

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| <p>3. Humbled for a season,<br/>To receive a name<br/>From the lips of sinners<br/>Unto whom he came,<br/>Faithfully he bore it<br/>Spotless to the last,<br/>Brought it back victorious<br/>When from death he passed:</p>               | <p>5. In your hearts enthrone him;<br/>There let him subdue<br/>All that is not holy,<br/>All that is not true:<br/>He is God the Saviour,<br/>He is Christ the Lord,<br/>Ever to be worshipped,<br/>Trusted, and adored.</p>  |
| <p>4. Bore it up triumphant<br/>With its human light,<br/>Through all ranks of creatures,<br/>To the central height,<br/>To the throne of Godhead,<br/>To the Father's breast;<br/>Filled it with the glory<br/>Of that perfect rest.</p> | <p>6. Brothers, this Lord Jesus<br/>Shall return again,<br/>With the Father's glory,<br/>With his angel train;<br/>For all wreaths of empire<br/>Meet upon his brow,<br/>And our hearts confess him<br/>King of glory now.</p> |

*As each element is received the following may be said:*

**Priest** Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:  
through thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee,  
which earth hath given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Priest** Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:  
through thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Priest** Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All** **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at thy hands,  
to the praise and glory of his Name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

*The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all reply: Amen.*



**REMAIN STANDING**

**The Sursum Corda**

**Priest** The Lord be with you

**All** and with thy spirit.

**Priest** Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Priest** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**All** It is meet and right so to do.

**The Preface**

**Priest** It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

*A Proper Preface may be used when appropriate. The priest then concludes with:*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name,  
evermore praising thee and singing:

**All** *(Sung)* Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**KNEEL OR SIT**

*The priest recites the Eucharistic prayer. A bell signals the elevation of the consecrated bread and wine, at which all may make the sign of the cross.*

*After the elevation of the consecrated wine, the following acclamation is said:*

**Priest** Jesus Christ is Lord.

**All** Lord, by thy cross and resurrection thou hast set us free. Thou art the Saviour of the world.

*The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with:*

by whom and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father almighty, world without end.

**All** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

**Priest** As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

## AGNUS DEI (SUNG)

**All** O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

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

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The priest invites the people to communion:*

**Priest** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Priest** Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*Communion is administered in both kinds (bread and wine). If you do not wish to receive wine from the common cup, please leave the altar rail immediately after you have consumed the bread. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer into the consecrated wine) is not permitted.*

*Words of distribution are used to which the communicant replies: **Amen.***

*During the giving of communion the choir will sing the following hymn. Members of the congregation are invited to join in if they wish.*

#### **NEH 121**

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| 1. THIS joyful Eastertide,<br>Away with sin and sorrow.<br>My Love, the Crucified,<br>Hath sprung to life this morrow:<br><br><i>Had Christ, that once was slain,<br/>Ne'er burst his three-day prison,<br/>Our faith had been in vain:<br/>But now hath Christ arisen.</i> | 2. My flesh in hope shall rest,<br>And for a season slumber:<br>Till trump from east to west<br>Shall wake the dead in number:<br><br>3. Death's flood hath lost his chill,<br>Since Jesus crossed the river:<br>Lover of souls, from ill<br>My passing soul deliver: |
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### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

#### **KNEEL OR SIT**

**Priest** Let us pray.

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

**All** Amen.

**Priest** Almighty God,

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

### POST COMMUNION HYMN

#### **STAND**

#### **NEH 106**

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| 1. COME, ye faithful, raise the strain<br>Of triumphant gladness;<br>God hath brought his Israel<br>Into joy from sadness;<br>Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke<br>Jacob's sons and daughters;<br>Led them with unmoistened foot<br>Through the Red Sea waters. | 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to-day;<br>Christ hath burst his prison,<br>And from three days' sleep in death<br>As a sun hath risen;<br>All the winter of our sins,<br>Long and dark, is flying<br>From his light, to whom we give<br>Laud and praise undying. |
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3. Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

4. Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.

## THE DISMISSAL

**Priest** The Lord be with you  
**All** and with thy spirit.

**Priest** The blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All** Amen.

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

## REGINA COELI (SUNG)

**All** Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

**Priest** Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
**All** For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

**Priest** Let us pray  
O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
hast vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world:  
grant, we beseech thee,  
that assisted by the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary,  
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life:  
through the same Christ our Lord.  
**All** Amen.