

## Easter 3 at St Mary the Virgin Mortlake

### Welcome

*A churchwarden welcomes us*

### Opening Hymn

This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow.  
*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
til trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number.  
*Had Christ, who once was slain,,,*

Death's flood hath lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver.  
*Had Christ, who once was slain..*

### The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

*Informal words of welcome are said.*

### The Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

#### 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 (sung by the choir)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest  
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.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest  
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.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

#### The Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

#### Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all  
your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the  
judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of  
Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that  
day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your

hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 4

New Testament Reading Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Luke 24: 36b—48

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does

not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Sermon

*After the sermon a short period of silent reflection is kept.*

#### Prayers of Intercession

##### 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, Alleluia  
**and also with you. Alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange a sign of peace.*

##### Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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.**

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 for ever 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary the Mother of our Lord and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*Silence is kept*

#### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

#### 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 (sung):

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us  
**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

Anthem Victimae Paschali Laudes - Plainsong

Post Communion Prayers

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

*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.**

Notices and Banns

Hymn:

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know he is your choice.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

They with a faith forever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful servants true.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the way disciples followed then.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

#### The Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you  
with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**