

Easter 5 at St Mary the Virgin Mortlake

Welcome

A churchwarden welcomes us

Opening Hymn

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The Lord of life is risen today! Bring flowers of song to strew his way; let all the earth rejoice and say: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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, 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**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him;

for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 22.25–31

New Testament Reading Acts 8:26-40

Then 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.

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

'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.

Sermon Revd Peter King

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 creationsing 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

Post Communion Prayers

**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**

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 (sung by the choir):

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that he never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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

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