



*St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal
Church, Perth*



Easter Day

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Please stand

The Paschal Candle is lit at the back of the Church

Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega all time belongs to him,
and all the ages; to him be glory and power,
Through every age for ever. **Amen**

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

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

The Light of Christ
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Processional Hymn – 348 Jesus Christ is risen today

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Welcome and Intimations

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow
members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in
thought, word and deed, and what we have failed to do. We
are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins and deliver us from the
power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus
Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria

**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.
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 on the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
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. Amen**

Collect of the day

Almighty God, who through your Son, Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life: grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life – giving Spirit: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

A reading from Jeremiah 31. 1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Colossians 3. 1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn - 475 Now the green blade riseth Stay standing

The Gospel

Hear the Good News according to *John 20: 1-18*

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sit

Sermon: Dean Graham

Anthem: Irish Blessing by Bob Chilcott

Nicene Creed

Stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Intercessions

Prayer is offered for the world and its people.

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!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
And also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer once another the sign of peace. *(We greet each other)*

Offertory Hymns – 637 The day of resurrection 680 The joyful Eastertide

Prayers of Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your
goodness we have this bread to offer, 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 offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work,
from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,

proclaims the dawn of hope.

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,

your breath is power

to purge our sin

and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending 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.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.
In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now
in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us,
who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end. **Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

Communion Song

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

Communion

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

**All are welcome to come forward
to receive Communion or a blessing.**

Communion Hymns – 67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
8 Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to our Gracious God.
Whose mercy endures for ever.

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

The Blessing

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Final Hymn – 672 Thine be the glory

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Amen.



Forthcoming Services

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. ***Holy Communion*** followed by coffee and chat.
Please note that there will be no service on 20th April 2023.

Sunday 16th April

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with healing
prayers

Sunday 23rd April

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Monday 17th April at 2.30 pm. ***St John's Fellowship*** in the Threshold. You are very welcome to join us.

During April, you may leave books you no longer want at back of the church for taking to Edinburgh Christian Aid Book Sale May 14 - 20. More information from Elaine Cameron.

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A church where all are welcome

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