



# EASTER SUNDAY

Festival Eucharist

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

10am



**ST MARGARET'S**  
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's.  
Please take a moment before our  
service begins to pray. The service  
begins in the porch of the church.

### Introit

Zadok the Priest

*George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

*edited by Lionel Dakers*

### The Blessing of the Candle

Christ yesterday and today,

All **The beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega all time  
belongs to him and all the  
ages;

All **to him be glory and power  
through every age for ever.  
Amen.**

*Please stand as the deacon brings in  
the lit Easter Candle, saying:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

This is the day when our Lord  
Jesus Christ was raised  
gloriously from the dead,  
crushing the power of sin and  
destroying the sting of death.  
Throughout the world  
Christians celebrate the  
mighty power of God as  
Christ calls us out of darkness

to share in his marvellous  
light.

May we, and all Christ's  
people, shine as lights in the  
world to the glory of God the  
Father.

All **Amen.**

*The deacon raises the candle  
proclaiming:*

The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*When the candle is in place the  
deacon says:*

The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross,  
Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured  
Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured;  
Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King,  
Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing.  
Alleluia!

*EASTER HYMN*

*Surrexit Christus Hodie – a Bohemian Hymn  
Adapted from a melody in Lyræ Davidica 1708*

The Lord of glory be with you.

All **The Lord bless you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Words of welcome may follow.*

**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 for Easter**

Lord of all life and power, who  
through the mighty resurrection of  
your Son overcame the old order  
of sin and death to make all things  
new in him: grant that we, being  
dead to sin and alive to you in  
Jesus Christ, may reign with him in  
glory; to whom with you and the  
Holy Spirit be praise and honour,  
glory and might, now and in all  
eternity.

All **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading.*

### **Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of

the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Seek ye first  
the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness  
and all these things  
shall be added unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia!**

**You shall not live  
by bread alone,  
but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds  
from the mouth of God;  
allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall  
be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and it shall be  
opened unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia!**

*Karen Lafferty b.1948*

**Matthew 28.1-10**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

All **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left

the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Gospel is followed by a voluntary.*

**The Sermon**

Rev'd Sarah Curl

*Please be seated.*

*Please stand for the creed.*

Let us declare our faith in God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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 being with  
the Father; through him all  
things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy  
Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man. 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 and the Son; who with  
the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified;  
who 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.

### Prayers of Intercession

*Please be seated.*

Let us pray for the whole  
church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according  
to their needs.

*The response is:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
All **hear our prayer.**

*The intercessions conclude:*

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

### Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has  
been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by  
putting away all malice and  
evil and confessing our sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

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

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.**

### The Peace

*The congregation stands.*  
The risen Christ came and  
stood among his disciples and  
said, 'Peace be with you'. Then  
they were glad when they saw  
the Lord.

### The Collection

- Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.
- Contactless Machines are available at the back of church if you wish to donate by card



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*Please stand to sing the offertory hymn.*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heav'nly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory

from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be  
and by angel-hands be gathered  
and be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
to the Father and the Saviour  
who has gained the victory.  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

*LUX EOI Christopher Wordsworth 1807-85  
Arthur Sullivan 1842-1900*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the  
splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and  
on earth is yours.

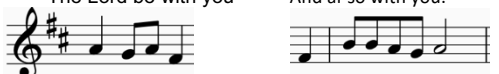
All things come from you,  
All **and of your own do we give you.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer



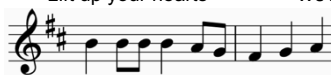
The Lord be with you

And al-so with you.

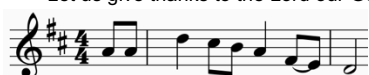


Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The congregation is seated.*

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, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ and, as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, we look for the coming of your kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we pray:

All 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.

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
All we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is  
sacrificed for us.

All **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*The people receive communion.  
All those baptised as members of their  
own church are invited to receive  
communion or a blessing, in which case  
please bring this order of service with you.*

### Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus

George Frideric Handel (1741)

### Prayers after Communion

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.

All **Amen.**

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

*The notices are given.  
Please stand for our closing hymn.*

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 vict'ry,  
thou o'er death hast won.

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.  
Thine be the glory,

risen conquering Son.  
Endless is the vict'ry,  
thou o'er death hast won.

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.  
Thine be the glory,  
risen conquering Son.  
Endless is the vict'ry,  
thou o'er death hast won.

*MACCABEUS E Budry 1854-1932,  
translated R Hoyle 1875-1939  
G F Handel 1685-1759*

*The Lord be with you.*  
All **And also with you.**

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.  
All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*A voluntary is played.*

*Happy Easter! Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be distributed from the kitchen.*

*An Easter Egg hunt follows in the garden for the children after church.*