

St. Sampson and St. Mary's Churches Guernsey



Easter Day 2020

Introduction and Lighting of the Easter Day Candle

Eternal God, who made this most holy morn
to shine with the brightness of your true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

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

The minister bearing the candle raises it and says

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

**All heaven declares
The glory of the risen Lord
Who can compare with
The beauty of the Lord
For ever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee
And worship Him alone**

**I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord
Who once was slain
To reconcile us all to God
For ever you will be
The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee
And worship you alone**

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10.34-43 read by Natalie

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 20.1-18 read by Mark

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Affirmation of Faith

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Peter

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer

and at the end

All Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace

Glory, glory, glory to Christ our risen Lord, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever.

Peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, he is Lord of life and death; he is Lord of all.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Hymn

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.**

The Preparation of the table

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER H

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world
**All God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

**All 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.**

The Priest says the invitation to communion.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After Communion

There is a short silence, followed by the 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.

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.**

Blessing

May you find in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord, a companion for your journey, a sure ground for your hopes, the peace that passes understanding, and the joy that is eternal and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

**Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring 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 conqu'ring 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 conqu'ring 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 conqu'rors,
through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan
to Thy home above.**

***Thine be the glory,
risen conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry,
Thou o'er death hast won***

FINAL RESPONSORY

Father, we have celebrated our Saviour's death and resurrection.

**All Help us, for whom he died,
to live his life that has no end.**

We bless one another in your name.

**All Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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