

**ANGLICAN-EPISCOPAL CHAPLAINCY OF ST NICHOLAS, HELSINKI**

A diverse and inclusive community of Word and Sacrament

**Festival Sung Eucharist, Easter Day 2021**

**THE SERVICE OF LIGHT**

*All the lights in the building are switched off.*

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. Amen.**

*The Easter Candle may be marked at this point if this has not already been done.*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.  
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.  
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,  
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death  
and live with him for ever.

*A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying*

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

*The minister bearing the Candle enters the building, followed by the other ministers, and they pause just inside the entrance. The minister bearing the Candle raises it and sings or says:*

The light of Christ! *to which all respond:*



**Thanks be to God.**

*The procession of the Easter Candle moves further into the building and then stops. The versicle and response are repeated, and the candles of those around are lit from the Easter Candle. The procession continues to the centre of the building and stops once more. The versicle and response are again repeated, and the candles of those around are lit. The Easter Candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the building.*

**THE EXSULTET**

**HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

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 right and good that with hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to you.

**Glory to you for ever.**

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the day when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the day that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Most blessed of all days! Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Day truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering, this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers.

**Glory to you for ever.**

As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame fed by melting wax conceived by mother bee, grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;

Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!  
**Amen.**

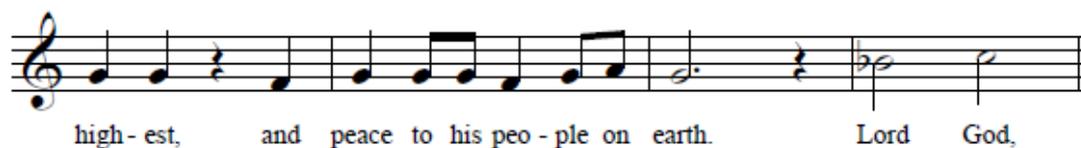
## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*The president says*

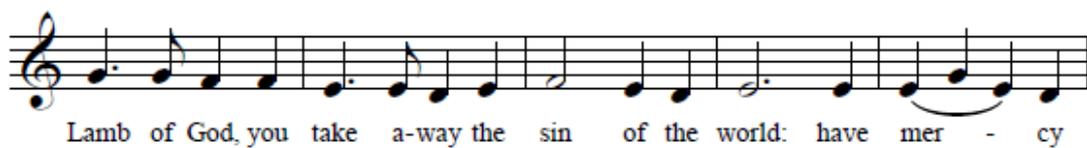
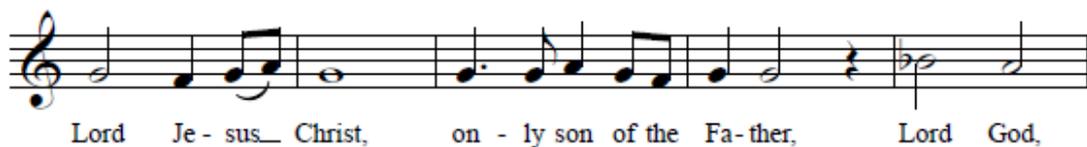
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All the candles in the church are lit from the Easter Candle*



*At this point, you may use bells, whistles to make loud noise!*



on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - - - men.

Let us pray.

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.  
**Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**SIT**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Acts 10.34-43**

*Read by Che Abongwa*

A reading from 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE: Colossians 3.1-4**

*Read by Liis Marini*

A reading from the epistle of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN: The Day of Resurrection**

**STAND**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28.1-10**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

**Alleluia!**

Christ, once raised from the dead, dies no more. **Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who sleep. **Alleluia!**

**Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

*(1 Corinthians 5.7-8; Romans 6.9; 1 Corinthians 15.20, 57)*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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

**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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**  
**SIT**

**THE 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 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

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*The response to the petition*

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

*The prayers conclude:*

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

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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. (*cf John 20.19*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

**OFFERTORY HYMN: Christ the Lord is risen Today**

*During this hymn, a collection is taken to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy does not benefit from 'church tax'.*

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.**

Holy God, you feed us with earthly and with spiritual food: deathless, unalterable,  
you have chosen us, sinful as we are, to hear your word and proclaim your truth.  
Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth; make us yeast in the loaf; we ask this in the  
name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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 president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:*

Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho - ly,

ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r\_ and might,

Heav'n and earth are full\_ of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and the following acclamation is used*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly, either:*

**Amen. Or:**

*...in songs of everlasting praise:*

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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 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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have  
mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear-er of our sins: have  
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er of the  
world: grant us your peace.

### Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion:*

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

*The president and people receive communion. The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church. Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN: Lord, Enthroned in heavenly splendour**

**SIT**

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise them up on the last day, alleluia! (*John 6.54*)

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

**STAND**

**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 DISMISSAL**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Some announcements maybe made by the president.*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son**

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**NEXT SERVICE:**

**Second Sunday of Easter, 11th April 2021**  
10h00 Sung Eucharist and Sunday School Online  
Zoom Coffee Morning

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