

ST NICHOLAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, HELSINKI

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Festival Sung Eucharist on Easter Sunday
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Holy women at Christ's tomb, by Annibale Carracci 1590

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We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Eucharist! We hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments after the service.

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Music notation for the Kyrie & Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus, and Agnus Dei are available on a separate sheet.

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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The ministers go in silence to the main entrance, one of them carrying the unlit Easter Candle. All the lights in the building are switched off.

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.

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

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.

Nails may be inserted into the Easter Candle.

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

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.

Entrance Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**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 which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

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. 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

**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 at 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.**

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

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

The First Reading: Acts 10.34-43. Read by Darcy Hurford. *We sit*

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.' so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 sung to a chant by Alan Gray (1855-1935)

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26. Read by Dave Griffiths. *We sit*

A reading from the first epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.1-12. *Please remain standing*

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.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered Jesus' words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *please sit*

Anthem This Joyful Eastertide, arranged by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Nicene Creed *please 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.**

**For ecumenical reasons, and according to the Anglican – Oriental Orthodox Agreement, Filioque can be omitted.*

Prayers of Intercession *please sit or stand*

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 SACRAMENT

The Peace *please stand*

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. *Please wave or use a 'Namaste' greeting.*

Preparation of the Table

A hymn is sung and the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

If you would like to make a donation to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy then please do so after the service – we have a mobile pay option (number 95789), contactless payment option, or offerings can be made in the basket provided at the back of Church. Thank you!

Offertory Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!
sing, ye heavens and earth reply: alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
following our exalted head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

Please stand whilst the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more prayers may be said.

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.**

This, or another suitable prayer may be read:

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 *please stand*

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus,
Until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Breaking of 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.**

The Agnus Dei *we sing*

**Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer 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.

Music During Communion *O sacrum convivium by William Byrd (1543-1623)*

PLEASE WAIT TO BE INVITED BY THE VERGER TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

We kindly ask that you extend your hands, with your face covering in place. You may lower or unloop your face mask to consume the consecrated bread and then replace the face mask before moving back to your place in the congregation.

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: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
death is broken in the fight,
thou has brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall!
Thou has opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.**

**This, our gift of Easter joy,
sin alone can now destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee,
with the Spirit ever be.**

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.

Post-Communion Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please 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: Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

**Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels robed in splendour
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where the body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
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! [Refrain]**

**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. [Refrain]**

The ministers and people depart.

PLEASE WAIT TO BE GUIDED OUT SAFELY BY THE VERGER

Thank you for joining us in worship today, we hope to welcome you again soon!

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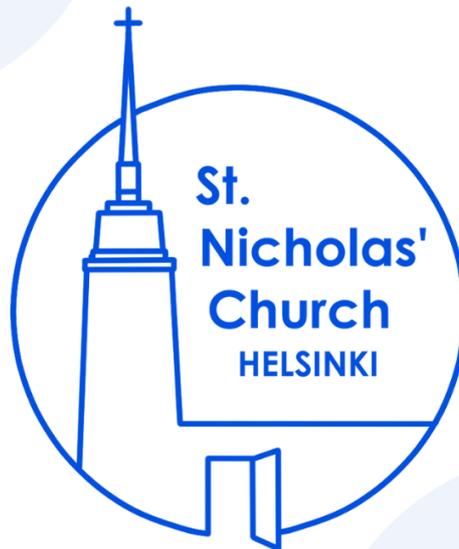
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A BLESSED EASTER

From St Nicholas Church, Helsinki



ANNUAL CHAPLAINCY MEETING



**Sunday 24th April
Mikael Agricola Crypt
11.30am**

This Sunday is a good opportunity to nominate someone for election to the Church Council or as a Church Warden! Please fill out the relevant forms, which are available on this page of our website <https://www.anglican.fi/registration-forms/>.

Please note that to nominate, vote or be nominated you need to be on the electoral roll. Any nomination for a lay role must also be 'seconded'. If you are unsure whether or not you are on the electoral roll or if you have any questions then please contact Sarah in the office. The electoral roll registration form can also be accessed on the same webpage link.