



ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON

A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter 2, Sunday 19 April 2020



Paul Rubens, The Incredulity of St Thomas 1615

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EASTER 2

Welcome to St Andrew's Brighton.
Thank you for joining us in worship.

*Please join us in singing the hymns,
and saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** type.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

We gather in the in silent prayer.

WELCOME

The Celebrant welcomes the congregation.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

A SENTENCE of Scripture is read.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3

A GREETING is offered to those present

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

EXHORTATION

As we gather at the altar we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures and so examine ourselves and repent of our sins.

We should give thanks to God for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ and, as we remember Christ's death for us and receive the pledge of his love, resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

The CONFESSIO is introduced and we respond together

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
confident in God's forgiveness.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution of our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him:**

have mercy on you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

A COLLECT FOR THE TIMES

*Let us pray that through the fifty days of Easter, the Risen
Christ will touch and transform our lives*

*Grant, we pray, O God,
that we, who share in the paschal celebrations,
may, through your goodness,
hold fast to them
in the way we live our lives;
through Jesus Christ
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Please sit for the readings

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. (14,22-32; NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

The Psalm is read by alternate verses.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.'

**As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.**

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

**The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.**

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

**I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

(APBA)

THE EPISTLE

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love

him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1.3-9, NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

The Gospel book is moved to the Gospel side of the altar (the side where the pulpit sits), in lieu of it being carried in procession to the centre of the church where the Gospel is read among God's people. We stand to welcome Christ who comes to speak to his people through the words of the Gospel.

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity**

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity**

Words: Reginald Heber

THE GOSPEL

'these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.'

John 20.31

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.' (20.19-end NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Our bishop, the Rt Reverend Dr Paul Barker is our guest preacher.

Please stand

NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly 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 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.

Please kneel/sit for prayer

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for all people and the Church throughout the world.

The response is:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

concluding with:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,
grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer List

Nanette Hardisty, Barry Martin
and for

Susan & family, Richard, Amanda, Ruth, Antony, Kate, Maria & Matt,
Ruth J, Barbara T, Lynda, Colin and Jan, Sally C., Gail

In Year's Mind

Frances Brown, Elizabeth Simmons

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS OF CHRIST

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.1

Hear also what St John said: If any one sins we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins.

1 John 2.1-2

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Most merciful Lord,

your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Please stand

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*We greet one another by saying 'Peace be with you'
(but please do not shake hands at the moment)*

OFFERTORY HYMN

The collection bowls will be placed at the rear of the church to enable donations for the work of the Parish to be collected, but the bowls can no longer be passed around during the offertory hymn. Your continued contribution to this retiring collection is most appreciated.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

The gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar are received with a suitable prayer.

Blessèd are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessèd be God for ever.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise,
Lord God of heaven and earth,
because you are continually renewing your work of creation
and transforming it to show your glory through resurrection.
With your touch you formed us from the dust of the earth.
You raised your people from slavery in Egypt;
you bound them to you through your covenant in Sinai;
and you made yourself known to them in exile and the Promised
Land.

In the cross of Jesus you take into yourself the scars of our sin,
and in his resurrected body you invite us to touch the wounds of
your love.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending
praise.

**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.

[The words of institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper, follow].

Forgiving God, your Son's disciples cowered behind locked doors;
and yet in him you visited them on the evening of the resurrection
and breathed on them the Spirit of peace.

Breathe that Holy Spirit on us now,
that your church may know the power of your forgiveness
and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us,

the body and blood. of your Son Jesus Christ;
who at supper with his disciples took bread:
and when he had given thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me"

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord and God, intimate saviour of our lives
and cosmic ruler of the universe,
in Jesus you are the substance of things hoped for
and the knowledge of things unseen.
Visit any who struggle under the shadow of doubt;
minister among all who suffer beneath the claims of oppressive rule;
resurrect your children, your church and your earth.
Bless those who have not seen and yet believe,
and shape your wounded body, the church,
to let the world see you through its scars.
Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory,
until the day when all stand before your throne,
in eternal communion with one another and with you
singing songs of never ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Everyone is welcome to say this prayer in their own language.

As Christ has taught us
we are confident to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

基督曾经教导我们这样祷告：

我们在天上的父，
愿人都尊你的名为圣。
愿你的国降临。
愿你的旨意行在地上，
如同行在天上。
我们日用的饮食，
今日赐给我们。
免我们的债，
如同我们免了人的债。
不叫我们遇见试探，
救我们脱离凶恶。
因为国度，权柄，荣耀，
全是你的，
直到永远。阿们！

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI ('Lamb of God')

**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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*With those who are unable to partake in this holy sacrament physically,
we pray:*

**In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,**

we long to offer to you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection,
and the means of grace and the hope of glory.
And particularly for the blessings that you have given to me.
I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you
with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by thy grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

A POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

is said, followed by:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Please stand

THE BLESSING

The celebrant blesses the congregation

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
✠ and the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL HYMN

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon all, their faults confessing;
Time that's lost may all retrieve;
May Thy children, may thy children
Ne'er again Thy Spirit grieve.

Bless Thou all our days of leisure;
Help us selfish lures to flee;
Sanctify our every pleasure;
Pure and blameless may it be;
May our gladness, may our gladness
Draw us evermore to thee.

Let Thy father-hand be shielding
All who here shall meet no more;
May their seed-time past be yielding
Year by year a richer store;
Those returning, those returning
Make more faithful than before.

The words were written by Henry James Buckoll 1803-1871 for Rugby School chapel. He was educated at Rugby and Queen's College, Oxford, obtaining his BA in 1826. and becoming an assistant master at Rugby. He took Holy Orders in 1827. His works include: Collection of Hymns for Rugby Parish Church, 1839 and in Psalms and Hymns for Rug-by School Chapel, 1850.

THE DISMISSAL

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