

St Swithun's, Hither Green
Parish Eucharist
Easter 4



The Lord is Risen!
ALLELUIA!

Sunday 25th April 2021, 10am

The Gathering

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mother Juliet says some words of welcome.

Prayers of preparation

Whoever we are, whatever our names
May we hear the risen Christ calling us
to accept God's invitation to new life. **Amen**

Saying Sorry - Prayers of Penitence

Let us receive new life in Christ
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

Jesus our shepherd
we are sorry when we do not trust your guidance
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Shepherd
We are sorry when we do not follow in your path
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus our shepherd
We are sorry when we want more than we need
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We are Forgiven - Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from
your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest; **and peace to all people on earth.**
We listen to the music as we glorify God

The Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading *Acts 4: 5-12*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes
assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas,
John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst,
they inquired,

'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

'Rulers of the people and elders,

if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to
someone who was sick and are asked

how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you,
and to all the people of Israel,

that this man is standing before you in good health

by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else,

for there is no other name under heaven

given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading *John 10: 11-18*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Mother Juliet*

Profession of Faith

**We believe in God, Creator,
Mother and Father of us all,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in Jesus, God's Son, Redeemer,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with love.**

**We believe in God, Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

God, our mother and father, we are your children
As we approach you in prayer
we are confident that you will listen to us your children.

We pray for the church and all those who guide their church flocks. Today we pray especially for our APCM and for those who are taking on positions of responsibility for this St Swithun's family. May we all follow your love as we live out our faith.
Give us love, **Give us faith**

For those in our world who feel themselves to be walking in the valley of darkness. Especially praying for India and all other areas continuing to battle coronavirus. We pray for good resourcing of vaccines and healthcare. May we all offer pastoral care to those who need our support.
Give us love, **Give us faith**

We pray for our community in Hither Green and today all those who work with animals. We give thanks for the creatures who bring light to our life and for those who care for them, wild and tame. May we treat your creation with respect.
Give us love, **Give us faith**

As we remember the Good Shepherd today, we bring before you all those in need of healing. Especially Shauna, Fran and family, Lamar, Maureen, Karen, Paulette and family, Catherine and family, Canon Richard, Gwen, Pamela, Neil, Debbie, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Ivy, Taneisha, Talabi, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena, Monica, Joan and Stephen. Be close to each of them, and to all those who are unknown to us but known to you.
Give us love, **Give us faith**

You guide us along the path of eternal life and we remember those who are with you in eternity, especially Carl and Annette
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them

Merciful Father

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us.**

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 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.

**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.

**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.*

**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.*

**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.

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

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.

Breaking of the 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.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace

Giving of Communion

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Alleluia! Let us celebrate the feast!

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Father and mother of us all

Thank you for teaching us with your word.

Thank you for feeding us with bread and wine.

Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.

May we share what we have been given with others. **Amen.**

The Notices

- APCM today at 11.00 am
- Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

God our Mother and Father,
by whose glory, Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to live in faith, hope and love;
and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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