

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley

# **Festal Choral Evensong**

*Easter Sunday*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**6.00pm**



*He is risen*

# Processional Hymn

*We remain standing to sing.*

**205      Jesus Christ is risen today**

## Welcome & Introduction

*We **stand** as the choir and ministers enter.*

*Words of welcome are offered.*

○ praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

○ Lord, open thou our lips and purify our hearts,  
that we may worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

○ praise the Lord with me,  
**and let us magnify his name together.**

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit.**

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.  
**God has claimed us as his own.**

He has brought us out of darkness.  
**He has made us light to the world.**

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

## The Preces

*We remain standing.*

O Lord, open thou our lips  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

## The Easter Anthems

*We sit.*

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once:

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:

but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead:

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death:

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*We stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

## **First Lesson**

*We sit.*

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us 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 whom God appointed 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.'

*Acts 10. 34-43*

Here ends the first lesson.

## **Hymn**

*We remain standing to sing.*

**209      Love's redeeming work is done**

# Magnificat

*We stand.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: And to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen

## Second Lesson

*We sit.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20. 1-8*

Here ends the second lesson.

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*We stand.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: And to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen

## **The Creed**

*We remain standing.*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into Hell,  
the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the holy Ghost,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the Communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of Sins,  
the Resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## The Responses

The Lord be with you,  
And with thy spirit

Let us pray

*We sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

○ Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.  
○ Lord, save the King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.  
○ Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.  
Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, ○ God.  
○ God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## Collect for the Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the might resurrection of thy 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 thee in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

**Amen.**

## Evening Collects

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may beset to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Choir Anthem

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

*S.S. Wesley*

## **The Sermon**

*John Patterson (Lay Reader, St. Cuthbert's Herringthorpe)*

## **Hymn**

*We stand to sing.*

**215      See what a morning**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*We sit or kneel.*

Hear us, risen Lord.

**Our resurrection and our life.**

*At the end we pray together:*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*We stand to sing.*

*You are invited to pull your poppers at the beginning of the final chorus.*

**218      Thine be the glory**

## Dismissal

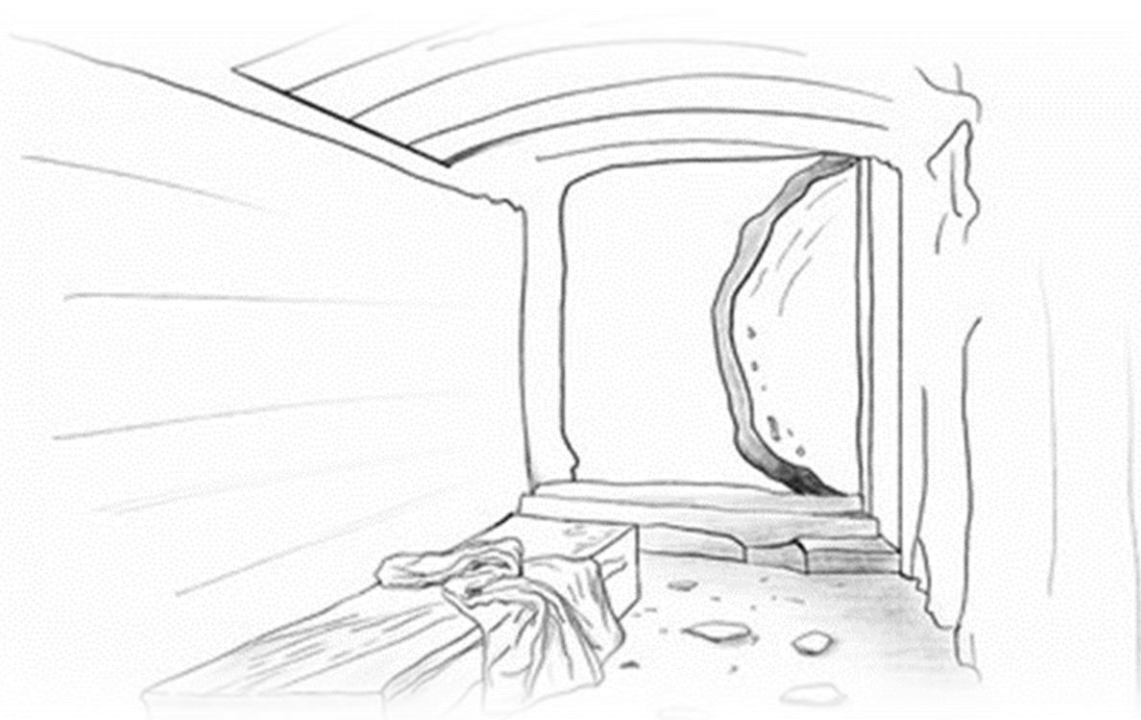
With the risen life of Christ within us, let us go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

## Organ Voluntary

*Toccata in G, Dubois*

*Choir and ministers recess.*



**Please join us for refreshments after the service.**

