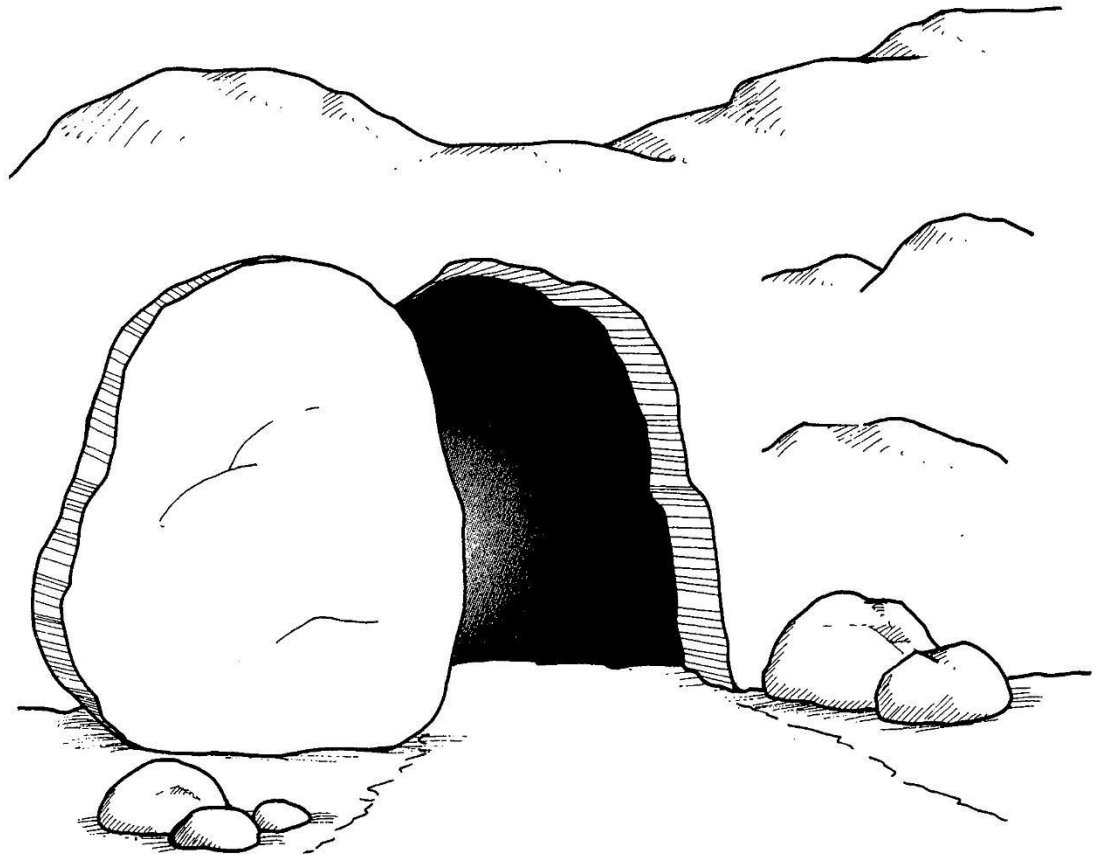


Good Shepherd with St. Peter's, Lee



Easter Sunday Celebration Service

5th April 2026, 10.30am

Opening Words

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Easter 'Paschal Candle' is lit

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 that he endured *Alleluia*,
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,
where the angels ever sing *Alleluia*.

Prayer of Confession

Christ died once for all, because of human sin, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Opening Activity

HYMN: See, what a morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright

With the dawnin' of hope in Jerusalem

Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light

As the Angels announce, "Christ is risen"

See God's salvation plan
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weepin', "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speakin', callin' her name
"It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again"

The voice that spans the years
Speakin' life, stirrin' hope, bringin' peace to us
Will sound 'til He appears
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father, Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority

And we are raised with Him
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead x2

We remain standing for our Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Short Talk – Revd Chris Henriette

Creed

Leader: We believe in God the Father.

All: We believe in God the Father.

Enquirer: What kind of God are they?

Leader: A creative God who made the stars, the sky, and
the earth below. A generous God who gives us light and life.
A loving God who knows us by name and is our friend.

All: Yes. This is God our Father.

Leader: We believe in Jesus.

All: We believe in Jesus.

Enquirer: Who is Jesus?

Leader: He is God's Son, who came to show us what God is
like. He brought us healing and forgiveness. He died for us,
and God brought him back to life. He shows us what God's
Kingdom is like.

All: Yes, we believe in Jesus, the Son of God.

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Enquirer: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Leader: Someone we can't see but can know. Someone who helps us to know and follow Jesus. Someone who gives us the power to be the Kingdom people of Jesus.

All: Yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit. This is our faith. We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayers

You will need your bubbles for the prayers!

HYMN: Jesus is risen, alleluia!

Jesus is risen, alleluia!

Worship and praise him, alleluia!

Now our redeemer bursts from the grave;

lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save.

Come, let us worship him,

endlessly sing;

Christ is alive and death loses its sting.

Sins are forgiven, alleluia!

Jesus is risen, alleluia!

Buried for three days, destined for death,
now he returns to breathe with our breath.
Blest are the ears alert to his voice,
blest are the hearts which for him rejoice.

‘Don’t be afraid!’ the angel had said,
‘Why seek the living here with the dead?
Look, where he lay, his body is gone,
risen and vibrant, warm with the sun.’

‘Go and tell others, Christ is alive.’
Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.
What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;
what God conceives can never be killed.

Christ has arisen! Now all can see
how humankind is meant to be free.
Though powers of darkness threaten their worst,
through every barrier Jesus has burst.

Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:
Jesus is saviour of everything.
All those who trust him, Christ will receive;
therefore rejoice, obey and believe!

Bernard Kyamanywa (b. 1938) English version John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Communion 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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we 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.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

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.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion or a prayer of blessing. Please follow the instructions from the stewards.

If you'd like to receive wine from the shared cup, please come to the front.

Prayer After Communion

God of truth,

we have seen with our eyes

and touched with our hands the bread of life:

strengthen our faith

that we may grow in love for you and for each other;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

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HYMN: Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*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:

Thine be the glory...

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:

Thine be the glory...

Closing Words

All our problems

we send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties
we send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes
we set on the risen Christ.

And the blessing...

Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

*Do join us after the service for a glass of sparkling wine,
and for a children's Easter egg hunt in the garden!*



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