

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.
**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

All who wish to come are welcome for this is the table of the Risen Lord
The words of administration are:
The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please stand
Living God,
make us apostles of the risen Christ.
Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,
and grace to recognise the Lord Jesus when he meets us,
wherever we are on the road.

BLESSING

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**
The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all
the world be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**
The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise,
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**
The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity,
be upon you and remain with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN 362

The minister bids the people depart
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!

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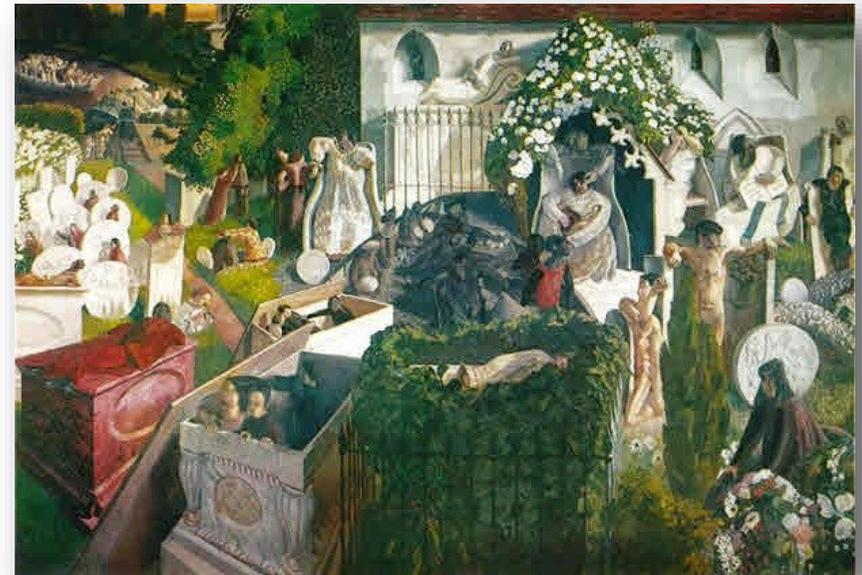
St George's Anglican Church Malvern

The worship of the church over three days
now culminates in....

EASTER DAY

8AM

The Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows



Stanley Spencer (1891-1959)

The Resurrection (1924-7)

Spencer painted scenes from the life of Christ set in his native
Thames side village of Cookham.

The worship of the Church over these three great days.....

From Maundy Thursday evening to Good Friday and the emptiness of Easter Eve we have been on a journey of faith and imagination. Our services have been without ending or blessing as each flowed into the next. Our worship culminated earlier today in the **Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter**, and continues with this Eucharist. Earlier this morning we began in the darkness of pre-dawn by gathering outside the church to light the **new fire** and the **Paschal candle**, the symbol of Christ. The Paschal Candle takes its name from the Greek word *Pasch* meaning Passover. This indicates that Christ leads us from death to life, just as once Moses led God's people from slavery in Egypt to new life in the promised land. In the scriptures readings of the Vigil we heard again the history of redemption.

The Easter (Paschal) Candle is marked with traditional symbols: the cross, the symbol of life and death; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega; a reminder that Christ is the beginning and end of all things; the numerals of the current year, a reminder that the Lord of all ages is present here and now; and five nails inserted to symbolise the wounds of Christ. The Candle will burn all day today, and every time we gather for worship during the **Fifty Days of Easter** until Pentecost. After that time, it will be lit for baptism and confirmation and for funerals.

As soon as the announcement of Christ's resurrection was acclaimed in the congregation the church was flooded with light and sound. We sang the great hymn of praise, the *Gloria in excelsis* and made plenty of joyful noise! At each eucharist today we renew the vows made at our baptism. **Baptism and Easter** are intimately linked. Baptism used take place only at Easter in the early church. By renewing our vows today we complete our Lenten preparation. We affirm our identity as Christ's own, a people called to be the Body of Christ in the world today.

The climax of our Easter worship is the eucharist in which we are sacramentally reunited with the Risen Lord. Like the first disciples we too are invited to the Lord's table that we might know him in the breaking of the bread.

Easter Day begins the greatest season of all in the Church year. Today we commence the great fifty days leading to **Ascension** and **Pentecost**. In our worship we do not simply recall past events. We celebrate the risen Lord who is present now with no less reality than on that first Easter Day, and whose healing and reconciling work of love continues through all time.

With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour 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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

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in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:
**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.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.
You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.
On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.
While at the table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them, said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'
He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

At the West door the priest greets the congregation

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
1 Corinthians 5.7-8

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 380

The priest says

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.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison sung

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**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.**

The Collect for Easter Day

O God, the power of the powerless,
you have chosen as your witnesses
those whose voice is not heard.
Grant that, as women first announced the resurrection
though they were not believed,
we too may have courage
to persist in proclaiming your word,
in the power of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter's speech affirms that Jesus is God's chosen, messenger whose death and resurrection is the means by which God brings new life to all humanity without discrimination between peoples.

Peter began to speak to the crowd: "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."
Acts 10.34-43

Reader Hear the word of the Lord
ALL Thanks be to God

The service continues with the Greeting of Peace. The priest says:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The peace of the Lord, be always with you.
And also with you.

*The members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.
The Paschal Candle is returned to its stand.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 367

The gifts of the people are brought forward. The following is said

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....
Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARIST

We now lift up to God the world and the church as we offer our thanksgiving.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.
At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.
You formed us, male and female, in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.
We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, teaching justice by the prophets.

**Springs of water, bless the Lord.
Give glory and praise to our God,
who lives and reigns forever.**

The priest asks the congregation:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

We believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed our human race? **We believe and trust in God the Son, Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

We will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord? **We will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

We will, with God's help.

Will you seek to serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself?

We will, with God's help.

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

We will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Water is then splashed over the people as a sign of the renewal of our baptismal vows.



Hymn to the Risen Christ *sung seated*

This compilation of verses from the Christian scriptures is the story of salvation.

Christ our passover has been | sacrificed |for us:

so let us |cele|brate the |feast,

Not with the old leaven of cor|ruption and |wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sin|ceri|ty and |truth.

Christ once raised from the dead | dies no |more:

death has |no more do|minion |over him.

In dying he died to sin | once for |all:

in |living he | lives to |God.

See yourselves therefore as | dead to |sin:

and alive to God in |Jesus | Christ our |Lord.

Christ has been | raised • from the |dead:

the |first fruits of | those who |sleep.

For as by |one man came |death:

by man has come also the resur|rection | of the |dead;

For as in | Adam all |die:

even so in Christ shall |all be | made a|live.

Easter anthems from A Prayer Book for Australia, 423.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul is reminding the Corinthians of the good news he delivered to them and urges them to continue to trust in the God who brought Jesus from the dead.

I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, [Peter] then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it

was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. *1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

Reader May your word live in us
ALL **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

GRADUAL HYMN 489

The gospel book is carried in procession and we stand to welcome Christ who comes to speak to his people through the words of the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation sung

ALL **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
The stone which the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes.

ALL **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL **And also with you**

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

ALL **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Some of the detail in this account of the resurrection assures us of its authenticity. For instance, had the grave been robbed, and the body of Jesus stolen the linen burial wrappings would not be left behind. Mary Magdalene is the first person to meet the risen Jesus. For this reason she is given the title 'Apostle to the Apostles' and honoured as the first to announce to the world the extraordinary news "Christ is risen!"

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had

been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. *John 20.1-18*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN 484

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The priest says to the congregation

Dear friends, in baptism, through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that we have completed the observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made in our baptism.

Water is poured into the font, and the priest says:

We thank you, Creating God, for the gift of water. Your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah. We thank you for the water of baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death that we may share in his resurrection, and through which we are renewed by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we make disciples of all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**