

The Benefice of St Mary Magdalene, Geddington and St Mary the Virgin, Weekley



Easter Day

The Gathering

Welcoming the Easter Candle

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

Incense studs are inserted into the Easter candle.

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ
passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate
the awesome power of God.

As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share
his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The celebrant lights the Easter Candle (and you can light your candle),

May the light of Christ, rising gloriously,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
 accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.
 Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.
 For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
 Christ is risen from the dead
 and his flame of love still burns within us!
 Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
 Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! **Amen**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.
Silence is kept

Lord of all life and power,
 who through the mighty resurrection of your 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 you in Jesus Christ,
 may reign with him in glory;
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
 be praise and honour, glory and might,
 now and in all eternity. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading(s)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Renewal of Baptism Vows

We will renew our Baptismal vows on the day we meet together again for the first time. In the meantime, take a moment to give thanks for the gift of faith and your relationship with God.

The Profession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to
the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended
into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. **Amen****

Prayers of Intercession

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. *cf John 20.19*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the
praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the
good of all his Church. Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you gave us in Christ. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with angels and archangels.

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus;
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The body of Christ, broken for us. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for us. **Amen**

Spiritual Communion

In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly pray that you would come spiritually to my soul. Come, Lord Jesus, come and cleanse me, heal me, strengthen me, and unite me to you, now and for evermore. Amen

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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