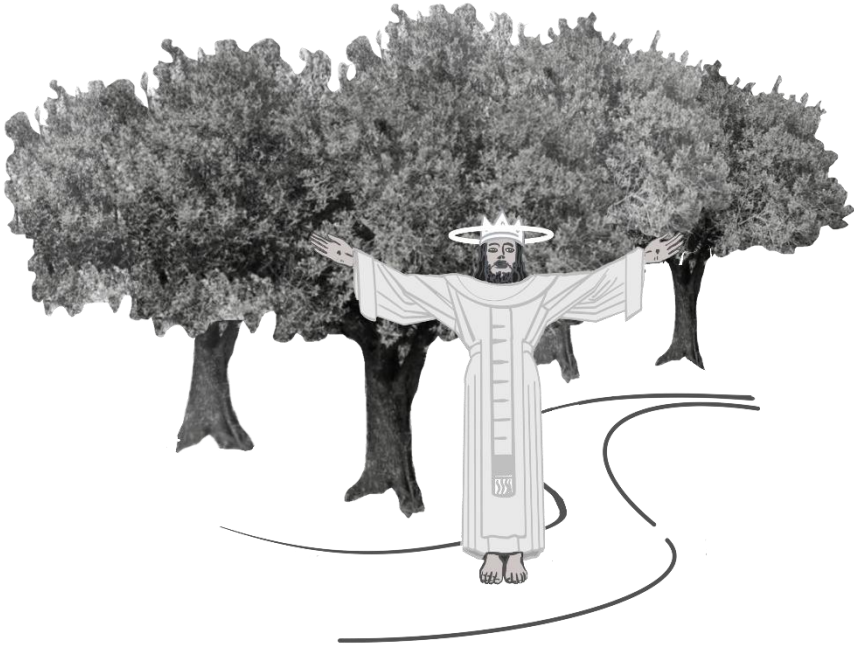




**St. Michael and All Angels
Amersham on the Hill**



**HOLY EUCHARIST
EASTER MORNING**

A warm welcome to this service

This booklet is for use on Easter morning and includes guidance notes. Do please ask a "Welcomer" if you need any further help.

Our key Easter theme is the light of Jesus' resurrection. From the darkness of Good Friday, Jesus' crucifixion, the light of new life transforms all. The celebration colours of gold and white reappear in church decoration and vestments, emphasising the joy and brightness of this glorious morn!

Welcoming the Easter Candle into the church

The ministers gather at the back of the church.

Please stand, if able.

All sing **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

President Christ yesterday and today,
All **the beginning and the end,**

All Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Processional Hymn

Deacon The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

(Matthew 28.5,6)

In the Easter Garden, the stone is rolled away from the tomb.

President Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others.

All **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Please sit or kneel.

Deacon Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

(1 Cor 5.7,8)

We pause for confession.

Confession

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

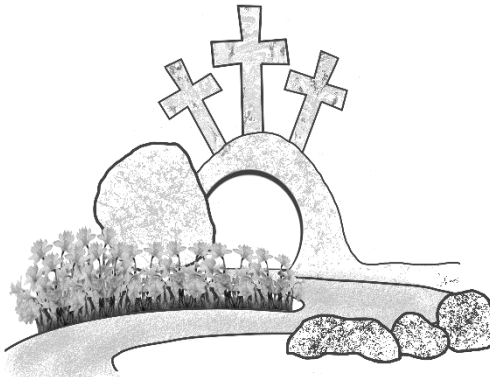
Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President 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.

All **Amen.**



Peruvian Gloria

Please stand, if able.

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our maker.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our maker.

All To God be glory for ever.
To God be glory for ever.

Refrain:

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

All Glory to Christ, glory to Christ, glory to our brother.
Glory to Christ, glory to Christ, glory to our brother.

All To Christ be glory for ever.
To Christ be glory for ever.

Refrain

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

All Give us your freedom for ever.
Give us your freedom for ever.

Refrain

The Collect

The priest gathers together, or collects, our prayers.

President 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 and might,
now and in all eternity.
All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

(Readings on Notice Sheet)

Reading

All For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Gospel Reading

Please turn to face the Gospel.

Deacon Alleluia, **alleluia.**
Jesus said, "All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.
Alleluia, **alleluia.**

or

Alleluia, **alleluia.**
I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
Alleluia, **alleluia.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is proclaimed.

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

An Easter Thought

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand, if able.

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

All Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

All Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

All Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

All This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Easter Day Intercessions

Please sit or kneel to pray.

During each response, a symbol will be placed into the Easter garden.

All Holy God, we praise you for the resurrection of your Son, Jesus
Christ.
Shed his living light on all people,
that we may live as those who embody the
risen life of Christ.
We praise you for the resurrection.
A lighted candle is placed in the garden.

All We pray for those who at this season are receiving in baptism your
Son's new life by water and the spirit.
Dying with Christ, may they know the power of his resurrection.
We pray for those who at this season are receiving baptism.
A jar of water is placed in the garden.

We pray for all whom we know and love, both near and far.
May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord,
interwoven into the fabric of their lives.

All **We pray for all whom we know and love.**
A jar of perfume is placed in the garden.

We pray for those who suffer pain and anguish.
Grant them the faith to reach out towards the healing wounds of
Christ, and be filled with his peace.

All **We pray for those who suffer pain and anguish.**
A piece of white fabric tied up in red ribbon is placed in the garden.

We remember before you those who have died in the hope of the
resurrection.

Unite us with them in your undying love.

All **We remember before you those who have died in the hope of
the resurrection.**
A crown of thorns bound up in gold ribbon is placed in the garden.

All **Join our voices, Lord, we pray,
to the songs of all your saints,
in proclaiming that you raise us with Jesus
from death to newness of life.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, if able.

*For those who would like to, you are welcome to join hands as we
sing or say the Peace.*

President 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.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The President takes the bread and wine.

Preparation of the Table

President Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer E

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

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

All **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

*Deacon
All*

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Michael and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

In our own language, rejoicing in God's new creation, as our
Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All

**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 for ever. Amen.**

or

In our own language, rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray
with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All

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

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

*After receiving the bread and the wine please respond "Amen"
or, if you would like a blessing, please place your hands across
your chest.*

Post Communion Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Post Communion Prayer

Please remain standing, if able.

The president leads.

Prayer after Communion

All

**God of our salvation
you have restored us to life,
you have brough us back again into your love,
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ:
continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices and Banns

The Dismissal

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Surrexit Christus

(O Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing to the Lord, alleluia!)

All **O O O O surrexit Christus, alleluia!**
O O O O, cantate Domino, alleluia!

All Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
Surrexit Christus, alleluia!

All For his love knows no end.
Cantate Domino, alleluia!

All The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song.
Surrexit Christus, alleluia!

All He has been my Saviour.
Cantate Domino, alleluia!

All I shall not die, I shall live.
Surrexit Christus, alleluia!

All I shall live and recount his deeds.
Cantate Domino, alleluia!

All **O O O O surrexit Christus, alleluia!**
O O O O, cantate Domino, alleluia!

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