

Church at Home

The Third Sunday of Easter



Before the Service

A very warm welcome from the Diocese of Oxford to this Church at Home online service on the Third Sunday of Easter.

We are delighted that you can join us as Bishop Olivia Graham, the Bishop of Reading, welcomes you from her home and will be presiding over the service this morning. We shall also be hearing from Bishop Colin Fletcher, the Bishop of Dorchester, who is reflecting on the famous story of the disciples encounter with Christ on the Road to Emmaus.

This service has been made possible by contributions from liturgists, musicians and singers from across the Diocese and from our link Diocese in Kimberley and Kuruman, who have come together virtually to bring this online Eucharist's service to you at home. We are so grateful to have received these gifts and thank them for their graciousness and faithfulness in supporting this new form of worship.

But as we celebrate in praise and wonder we also remember at this time those who are affected by fear and anxiety, especially related to COVID-19. We hold in our hearts those who are suffering and those who have died from the pandemic. May the Lord who is our light and our salvation bring comfort, healing and compassion to all those who suffer in darkness and bless us in our worship as care for each other.

So, let us join together now in celebration of the Risen Lord who fills our lives with light and joy and may we share in the assurance of His presence amongst us now and always. Christ is Risen, Risen indeed. Alleluia!

How to watch or listen to Church at Home

The direct link to this service will be published at **oxford.anglican.org/livestream** about an hour before the service starts. You can also find the service on our YouTube, Vimeo and Facebook pages at 10am.

From this week Church at Home is also available to people dialling in by phone as well. The number to dial each week is **01865 920930** - press zero for the short service and 1 for the full service. It takes a few seconds to retrieve the recording then the service will start.

The Gathering

Greeting

Bishop Olivia welcomes us and says

President Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you**

President Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All **He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

Bishop Olivia welcomes the congregation from around the Diocese.

Hymn

We are invited to join a small choir of the University Church of St Mary the Virgin to sing Now the Green Grass Riseth, recorded before lockdown.

All Sing Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Prayer of Preparation

President Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
And from whom no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our heart
By the inspiration of your holy spirit
That we may perfectly love you
And worthily magnify your holy name
Through Christ our Lord
Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

President As we come before God together,
let's keep a moment of quiet and
offer to his love and mercy our sadness
for the times when we have not loved him
and have not loved each other.

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.

All **Most merciful God**
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
We confess that we have sinned
In thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart
We have not loved or neighbor as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
Help us to amend what we are
And direct what we shall be;
That we may do justly, love mercy
And walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

President May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

*Sung By Peter McMullin, member of the choir of the University Church of St
Mary the Virgin.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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 sins 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

President Let us Pray
Risen Christ,
You filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope
Strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
And fill us with your peace
To the glory of God the father.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Read by Father Reggie Luwee, Dean of Kimberley Cathedral, South Africa

The reading is taken from Acts 2 14a & 36-41.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified. Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader This is the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116

*Sung by Peter McMullen, member of the choir of The University Church St
Mary the Virgin*

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 13-35

Read by The Rev'd Dan Heyward, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, Oxford.

Reader The Lord be with you,
All **And also with you.**
Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened,

and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ**
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reflection

The Bishop of Dorchester

After the service we shall keep silence together for a few moments before affirming our faith together in the words of the Creed.

The Creed

President Together in courage and hope
let us profess the faith that sustains us
in the words of the Creed:

All **I believe in God, the Father Almighty
Maker 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 had on 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

*Our prayers today are led by Maddy Jarvis, a server and member of the
University Church of St Mary the Virgin.*

All Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer.

and at the end:

All Merciful father
**Accept these prayers for the sake of
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As Bishop Olivia prepares the alter-table and takes the bread and wine, we sing Crown Him with Many Crowns.

Hymn

Sung by Roger Peach, Director of Music for St Andrews Church, Oxford.

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing

who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

President Be present, be present
Lord Jesus Christ,
Our risen high priest
Make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

President Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your 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.**

President How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.

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 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:

All

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

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.
Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President In times of hope, in times of trouble,
in times of sorrow, in times of praise,
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

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

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

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

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

President Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We are invited to make a spiritual communion with God who comes to meet us where we are. There are no special words or prayers for this. All the Church has ever thought necessary is a true desire to receive Christ, a lively faith in Christ and a genuine love for Christ and his people.

As we make our spiritual communion we sing together 'Jesus lives'.

Hymn

Sung by Roger Peach, Director of Music, St Andrews Church, Oxford.

Jesus lives; thy terrors now
Can, O death, no more appall us;
Jesus lives: by this we know
Thou, O grave, cannot enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: henceforth is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: to him the throne
Over all the world is given:
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray

Living God
Your Son made himself known to his disciples
In the breaking of bread:
Open the eyes of our faith,
That we may see him in all his redeeming work
Who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

All **Amen**

We say together

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Blessing

President The God of peace
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ
That great shepherd of the sheep
Through the blood of the eternal covenant
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will
Working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight
And the blessing of God the father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever. Amen.

President Walking together in the light of resurrection hope
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia

All **In the name of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.
Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore" ?
Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest,
Here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! Hear the sinful
Cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the...

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