

The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# Easter Day

IN THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



*Easter Morning, c. 1818: Johann Friedrich Overbeck (1789-1869)*

## The Parish Mass

with the Liturgy of Light  
and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

10.15 am





## Keeping everyone safe at St Matthew's

***If you have any of the recognized Covid-related symptoms, please self-isolate immediately and seek a test.***

*For all others, and in accordance with Government guidance and local decision,  
we respectfully require you to:*

**Go directly to a chair where there is an order of service booklet, and remain there.** Please fill up the available chairs in the centre of the nave and transepts first. Do not move from chair to chair, or remove a booklet from another chair. (NB - some chairs in the side aisles have a restricted view.) Please do not move the chairs or handle any other furniture.

The wearing of a **face covering is mandatory** unless you belong to one of the medically exempted groups. This must cover both your mouth and your nose. (Plastic visors are not a substitute for a face covering and do protect others.)

The church **toilet facilities are now available** for use. Please follow the instructions on the signs, leave the cubical light on and the door open after use to facilitate ventilation and the dispersal of aerosol.

**At communion** – remain at your chair. You are respectfully asked to ensure that your face covering is in place until the words of administration have been spoken by the priest and you have responded by saying 'Amen'.

**After the service** – please **depart via the north door** whilst maintaining the two-metre 'rule'. A monetary offering towards parish funds may be made there. Please sanitize your hands as you leave. Assistance is available for those who require it. You may remove your face covering when you are clear of the building.

**The 'rule of six' returns** – you may gather **on the green** at the east end of the church building in physically distanced groups of up to six people, or two households. We asked that you do not congregate on the grass at the side of the church or the end of the Lady Chapel where ashes have been interred. Thank you.

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# A happy Easter to you all!

At Easter, Christians celebrate the greatest event the world has ever known – the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead to new and everlasting life. It is the climax of our Paschal journey, a time when in the words of the Exsultet, the barrier between heaven and earth is brought down ‘and all creation is reconciled to God’.

As in ancient times, we renew our baptismal vows this morning, and at this time receive the Risen Lord afresh either in communion with his Sacramental Body, or by an act of Spiritual Communion into our hearts and minds.

In this festival, we find the meaning of life and joyfully recognize the eternal destiny – “Christ is risen; he is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!”

## Preparation for Worship

We feel sad at the onset of winter.  
But we are not too despondent,  
because we know that spring will renew everything again.  
Just as the expectation of spring takes the sting out of winter,  
so the resurrection of Jesus takes the sting out of death for us.

God of power and love,  
through the resurrection of your Son  
you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life.  
Guard this hope with your grace,  
and bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven.

## Singing

*We respectfully remind you that congregational singing is not permitted.  
Those at home are encouraged to join in.*

*‘A small group of singers’, drawn from our choir, will be singing during the service in accordance with current guidelines.*

## Setting

A Little Organ Mass of the Angels  
[2020 Commission]

Robert Walker (b. 1946)

# Order of Service

## ¶ The Service of Light

**Please stand** at the sound of the bell. The procession enters in silence from the west end

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 Priest traces a cross on the Paschal Candle, then he traces the Greek letter alpha above the cross, the letter omega below, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, saying*

*(as he traces the vertical arm of the cross)*  
Christ yesterday and today,

*(the horizontal arm)*  
the beginning and the end,

*(alpha, above the cross)*  
Alpha

*(omega, below the cross)*  
and Omega,

*(the first numeral in the upper left corner),*  
all time belongs to him,

*(the second numeral in the upper right corner)*  
and all ages;

*(the third numeral in the lower left corner),*  
to him be glory and power,

*(the last numeral in the lower right corner)*  
through every age and for evermore.

**All**  
**Amen.**

*The Priest inserts five grains of incense in the candle in the form of a cross, saying*

1	By his holy				1
2	and glorious wounds				
3	may Christ our Lord	4	2	5	
4	guard us				
5	and keep us.				3

**All Amen.**

*The Priest lights the Paschal Candle with a flame taken from the New Fire outside saying*

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

**All The Light of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.**

*A joyful fanfare is sounded, incense is blessed, and the Paschal Candle and Nave Altar are honoured.*

## Hymn

*Choir only* Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluya!*  
Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluya!*  
Who did once, upon the Cross, *Alleluya!*  
Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluya!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluya!*  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluya!*  
Who endured the Cross and grave, *Alleluya!*  
Sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluya!*

But the pains that he endured *Alleluya!*  
Our salvation have procured; *Alleluya!*  
Now above the sky he's King, *Alleluya!*  
Where the angels ever sing. *Alleluya!*

Words: Lyra Davivica 1708

Music: Easter Hymn

## The Easter Acclamation

*All* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The service is introduced*

## Invitation to Confession

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

## Kyrie 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

May the God of love and power  
forgive † us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**All**            **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 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

Let us pray that the risen Christ will raise us up  
and renew our lives:

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 Christ Jesus,  
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.

**All**            **Amen.**

My brothers and sisters in Christ,  
to discover further the meaning of this joyful Eastertide,  
let us listen attentively to the Good News of Christ's resurrection.

***Please be seated***

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand***

### The Easter Gospel

John 20:1-18

### Acclamation

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.

**All Alleluia.**

**All**            The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ 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.

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

The Homily

***Please be seated***

# ¶ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Please stand*

My brothers and sisters,  
this is the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ  
passed from death to life, appearing to his friends,  
and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold.

Throughout the world Christians rejoice  
in the awesome power of God.  
As we celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection,  
I invite you to reject Satan and all his works  
and to renew the promises made in baptism.

Therefore I ask:

**All** Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

**All** Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**I renounce them.**

**All** Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God  
and neighbour?  
**I repent of them.**

**All** Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
**I turn to Christ.**

**All** Do you submit to Christ as Lord?  
**I submit to Christ.**

**All** Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?  
**I come to Christ.**

**All** May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you the strength to continue in the way.  
**Amen.**

*(The blessing of the font and rite of sprinkling are omitted)*

# The Apostles' Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

*All* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*All* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**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.**

*All* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**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.**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized in your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Priest* May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

# Prayers of the Faithful

*Please be seated*

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy  
of his glorious and life-giving resurrection:  
we pray to the Father.

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches  
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter:  
we pray to the Father.

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility  
to be subject to one another in Christian love:  
we pray to the Father.

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter:  
we pray to the Father.

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease  
through all the world:  
we pray to the Father.

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,  
the weak and the dying,  
to comfort and strengthen them ...  
we pray to the Father.

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises,  
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection  
may be raised on the last day ...  
we pray to the Father.

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection:  
we pray to the Father.

**All**      **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,  
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Sign of 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.

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

As you are able, let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace

*(The congregation may sit while the altar is prepared)*

### Hymn

*Choir only*

The Day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain,  
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

Words: Greek, St John of Damascus c.750  
Tr J M Neale (1816-1866)

Music: Ellacombe  
Mainz Gesangbuch 1833

***The congregation stand for the censing***

## Invitation to Prayer

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

**All** **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.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, with Easter joy we offer you the sacrifice  
by which your Church is reborn and nourished  
through Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**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 indeed right and just, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*Choir* Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.

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

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domine.  
Osanna in excelsis

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
St Matthew, and 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.

**All**            **Amen.**

*The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung*

***Please be seated***

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

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

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

## Agnus Dei

*Choir*    Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
          miserere nobis.  
          Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
          miserere nobis.  
          Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
          dona nobis pacem.

*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.*

## Invitation to Communion

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

*The clergy receive Holy Communion*

## Giving of Communion

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the  
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

*For private reflection before receiving Holy Communion:*

THOU ART RISEN, O LORD!  
Let the quiet Altar dazzle with light;  
let us haste to thy Presence,  
wondering, incredulous joy;  
and partake of thy Risen Life.

## Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

*It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:*

### Act of Reception

**All**      **In union, blessed Jesus,  
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,**

*(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)*

**I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,  
for creation and all the blessings of this life,  
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,  
and resurrection,  
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

*(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)*

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,  
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,  
I pray you to come into my heart.  
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,  
my soul, and my mind.  
Let nothing separate me from you;  
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,  
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.  
Amen.**

### Motet

This Joyful Eastertide

*arr John Bertalot (b. 1931)*

*After receiving Holy Communion:*

THOU ART RISEN, MY LORD AND MY GOD!  
Rise up, my heart, give thanks, rejoice!  
And do thou, O Lord, deign to enter it  
despite the shut doors.  
Shew me thy hands and thy side,  
that it is thou thyself.  
Send me about thy business,  
servant of the living King, the King of kings,  
and hide my life in thine  
for ever and ever.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

***Please stand***

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.

***All***

**Amen.**

## Hymn

*Choir only*

Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Savannah (Herrnhut)  
Melody from MS, *Choralbuch*  
Herrnhut c.1740 as given in  
John Wesley's *Foundery Collection* 1742

## Notices for the Community

***Please be seated***

## ¶ Sending Out

***Please stand***

***All*** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Solemn Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
***All*** **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All**        **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All**        **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All**        **Amen.**

## Regina Caeli

**All**        **Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia**        *(9 rings)*  
**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia**  
**As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia**  
**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

**All**        Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia  
**for the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**        *(9 rings)*

God of life, you have given joy to the world  
by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary,  
bring us to the happiness eternal life;  
we ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All**        **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

**All**        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# Organ Voluntary

Tocatta *from* Symphonie 5 op.42 no. 1

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*The procession departs*

**After the service** - please **depart via the north door** whilst maintaining the two-metre 'rule'. A monetary offering towards parish funds may be made there. Please sanitize your hands as you leave. Assistance is available for those who require it. You may remove your face covering when you are clear of the building.

**The 'rule of six' returns** – you may gather **on the green** at the east end of the church building in physically distanced groups of up to six people, or two households. We asked that you do not congregate on the grass at the side of the church or the end of the Lady Chapel where ashes have been interred. Thank you.



*The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.*