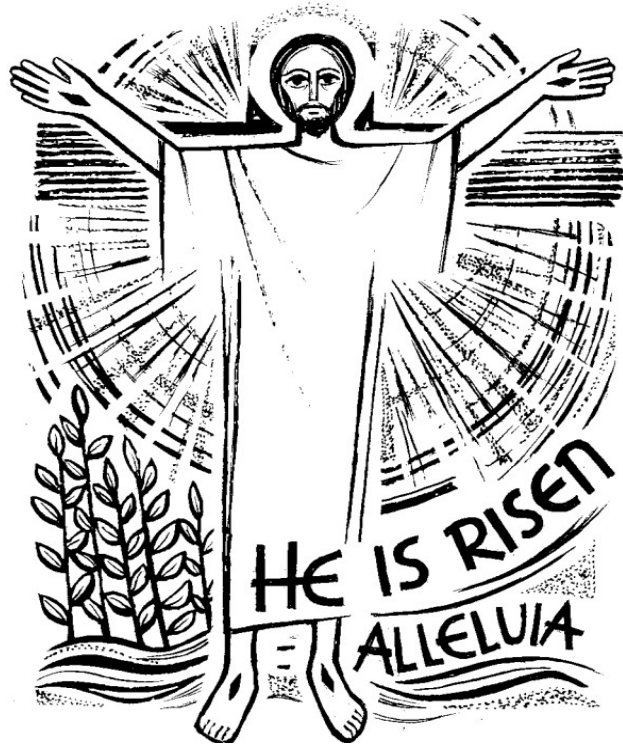


Dawn Service

4th April 2021



Service livestreamed from

The grounds of St Oswin's, Wylam

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“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.’”

Revelation 1.17-18

With the new dawn we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is the great revelation of what has happened on the Cross. The powers of sin, death and darkness have been confronted by our Lord through his passion and crucifixion. With Jesus' death on Good Friday they appear to have had their way. And yet Christ remains sinless to the end, refusing to play their game, refusing to use force or power to escape his torturous death. Through this the victory has been won. Life and Love cannot be contained. The tomb is Empty. Jesus is Risen. Jesus is Alive.

This morning we greet our Risen Lord. The joy of this morning defines our hope and our lives as we seek to be Christ's Easter people in our time and place.

We also rejoice that as of 28th March 2021 Church of England guidance permits congregational singing by socially distanced congregations gathered outdoors. Those physically gathered (in a socially distanced manner) as well as those joining by livestream are heartily encouraged to sing.

¶ Celebrating our Salvation

While we wait this dawn to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus we share our stories as the people of God telling how God loves and saves his people bringing them through water into new life down the ages, today and for ever.

Noah builds an ark

A story from the Book of Genesis:

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.' Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. For I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole

heaven were covered.

And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark.

For our stories of Salvation
Thanks be to God.

The Israelites cross through the sea

A story from the book of Exodus:

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.'

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

For our stories of Salvation
Thanks be to God.

The Israelites cross the Jordan into the Promised Land

A story from the book of Joshua:

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, 'When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before.

Then Joshua said to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.' To the priests Joshua said, 'Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people.' So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."' Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.' Joshua said, 'The ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan,

and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

For our stories of Salvation
Thanks be to God.

¶ Lighting the new fire

A new fire is lit. We take time to watch the fire burn and grow.

The Exultet


Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!
Rejoice, O earth, in glory
revealing the splendour of your creation,
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered!
Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour, our Lord of Life, shines upon you!
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy




The Lord be with you and al- so 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 thanks and praise.

It is right and good
that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father Almighty, the unseen God
Through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death,
paid the price of Adam's sin
and reconciled us once again to you




[Glo- ry to you for ev- er.]

For this is the Passover Feast
When Christ the True Lamb of God is slain
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful




[Glo- ry to you for ev- er.]

This is the night
when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery,
and leading her safely through the sea.




[Glo- ry to you for ev- er.]

This is the night
when Jesus Christ vanquished hell
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.




[Glo- ry to you for ev- er.]

This is the night
when all who believe in him
are freed from sin
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the Victory of Christ



[Glo- ry to you for ev- er.]

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.



[Glo- ry to you for ev- er.]

Most blessed of all nights,
Evil and hatred are put to flight
and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained,
and mourning turned to joy.



Night truly blessed,
when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home
and all creation reconciled to You!



Therefore, 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 the world
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever.



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens
and your faithfulness never ceases.
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom
and strengthen our lives with your word,
for you are the fountain of life;
in your light we see true light.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.
O Lord, our maker and redeemer. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We rejoice and give God glory.

(Tune: Cwn Rhondda, 'Guide me O thou great redeemer')

**Glory be to God in heaven
songs of joy and peace we bring,
thankful hearts and voices raising
to creation's Lord we sing
Lord, we thank you
Lord, we bless you,
glory be to God our King
glory be to God our King**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders
bore the load of this world's sin,
only Son of God the Father,
you have bought us peace within:
Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
now your glorious reign begin
now your glorious reign begin**

¶ Celebrating our Baptism

A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Romans 6.3-5

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Renewal of Baptism Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?
I believe and trust in him.

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

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

Affirmation of Commitment

We are the Baptised people of God. Therefore I ask you all:

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

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

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

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those 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.

¶ Celebrating the Resurrection

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessed are you O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In your great mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Blessed be God for ever!

Dying you destroyed our death

Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus come in glory!

¶ Part 5: Celebrating the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus

(tune: Ash Grove)

**O holy most holy, the God of creation,
for ever exalted in pow'r and great might.
The earth and the heavens
are full of your glory,
Hosanna, hosanna
and praise in the height.**

**How blessed is he
who is sent to redeem us
who puts every fear and injustice to flight;
who comes in the name of the Lord
as our Saviour,
Hosanna, Hosanna
and praise in the height.**

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.

Memorial acclamation:

(tune: Bunesan)

**Lord by your death and,
Lord, by your rising
you have redeemed us, setting us free.
You are the Saviour of all creation
Come now in glory, that all may see.**

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 all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

The Great Amen

(tune: Tallis' Canon)

**Amen! We praise the Father's name!
Amen! We glorify the Son!
Amen! The Spirit we acclaim!
Amen! The Three for ever One!**

The Lord's Prayer

So let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

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

Creator of all, we have gathered many grains and made them into this one bread.

We look for your Church to be gathered from the end of the earth into the Kingdom

Agnus Dei

(tune: Repton)

**O Lamb of God, you cleanse our hearts
And take our sin away,
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
bid every guilty fear depart
have mercy Lord, we pray
have mercy Lord, we pray**

**O Lamb of God, as Shepherd tend
The souls of us who stray.
Our true beginning and our end,
The myst'ry none can comprehend
O hear us when we pray
O hear us when we pray.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.

This service includes both a physically gathered congregation and those gathering via livestream. We are maintaining an Act of Spiritual Communion where all those gathered take some time looking at the Holy Sacrament in awe and wonder that God became human in Jesus and is present with us in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Spiritual Communion is the conscious willing and desire to be in sacramental relationship with our Lord whether or not receiving the bread and wine of the Eucharist is possible.

You may wish to pray the following prayer:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. [Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,] I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

After Communion

Jesus said, He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6.54

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. **Amen**

Dismissal

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

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!