

# **St Mary's Church Guildford**



**Eucharist Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**

**Celebrating 25 years of  
Robert's ministry in Guildford**



## Music before the service

Gelobt Sei Gott, Kleines Orgelbuch, *Ernst Pepping*

Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, BWV 628, *J S Bach*

Prelude on 'St Fulbert', *C S Lang*

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand, BuxWV 198,

*Dieterich Buxtehude*

Jesus, meine Zuversicht, Op 67 No 20, *Max Reger*

## Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen:

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

Praise God whose love is new every morning:

*All* **God has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

We are claimed as God's own:

*All* **God has brought us out of darkness  
and has made us lights to the world.**

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Opening Hymn      543 – O Praise ye the Lord

## Opening Prayers

*All* **Living God,  
nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus,  
our risen Lord.  
Open our eyes  
that we may see him in his glory,  
and praise you with thankful hearts,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Like Mary Magdalene 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.**

*The president pronounces the absolution.*

The Collect

First Reading        *Acts 8:26-end*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem                *God so loved the world – John Stainer*

Gospel Reading

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, Alleluia**

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

*John 15:1-8*

*At the end of the Gospel, the reader says*

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

The Sermon

Intercessions

*This response is used*  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
*All* **and also with you. Alleluia!**

Hymn                      301 – God is here! As we his people

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Gracious and powerful God,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the gospel we have received.  
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

*All* **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.

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

Death, where is your victory?  
Death, where is your sting?  
Death is swallowed up in victory,  
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia

*All* **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,  
we join with them in heaven's song:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Alleluia!**  
**God of earth and power and might, Alleluia!**  
**Heaven and earth are glory filled. Alleluia!**  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven. Alleluia!**  
...we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**  
**You are the Saviour of the world.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our risen 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.**

## The 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.**

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

Anthem

Sacerdotes domini – *William Byrd*

## Prayer after Communion

*All*    **God of Glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn                                    227 – Rejoice in God's saints

## The Blessing

God, the source of all life and hope,  
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. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary                  At Easter-tide, No 3 of Six Occasional Preludes,  
Op 182, *C V Stanford*

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