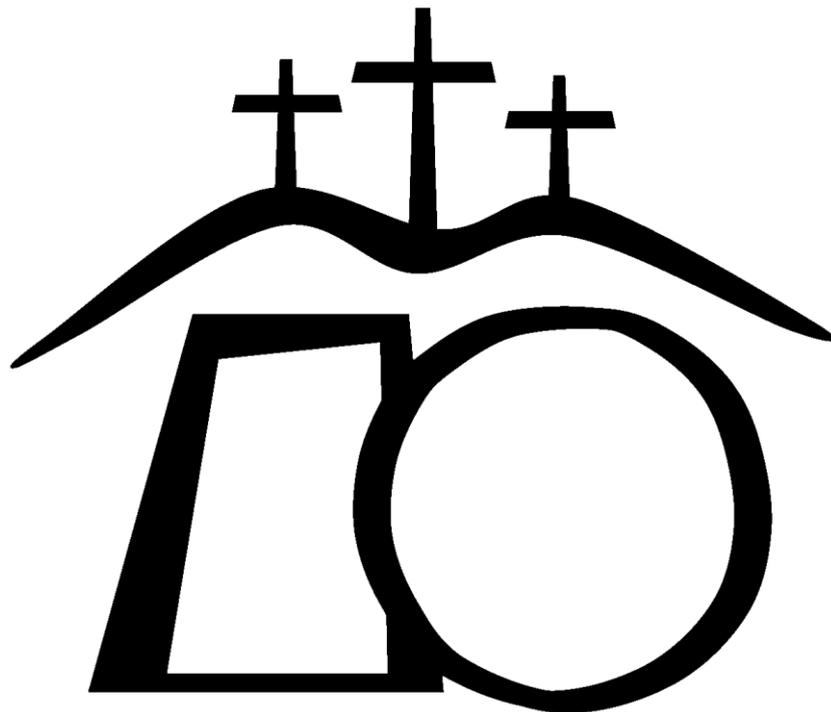




St Peter's
Leckhampton Parish Church

Holy Communion



Easter Day

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Welcome to St. Peter's for this service of Holy Communion on Easter Day.

On the evening before he was crucified, Jesus shared a meal with his closest friends, the disciples, and in it he told them that he would always be with them in the breaking of bread and sharing of wine.

This service of Holy Communion has been in many forms and languages over the centuries and remains central to the worship of the Church in all its denominations.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would rather receive a blessing, please keep your hands to your side and your head bowed.

The words of this service are all in this booklet; please join in with the parts that are printed in **bold**.

Every blessing for a very joyful Easter, in the hope you will enjoy the service today and that it helps you on your own spiritual journey this year.

If you would like to speak with someone about your faith or any aspect of church life then please contact revgarygrady@btinternet.com.

Chorale Variations on 'O Sons and Daughters Let us Sing' by Jeanne Demessieux is played on the organ by Ben Gilchrist, Organ Scholar at St. Peter's.

The Paschal Candle

The paschal candle is lit.

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 all the world!
Christ lives and reigns forever and ever!
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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Any notices and banns of marriage are read.

First Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

Introduction

For Christians, Easter is the greatest feast of all. This is the day when Jesus broke the chains of death, rose in triumph from the grave, and met with Mary Magdalene in the garden.

The Easter Garden

As we meet to celebrate Christ's resurrection, let us bless the Easter Garden and remember that this is truly the 'Day of the Lord'.

The Easter garden is blessed with the following words:

Gracious and loving God,
we pray you, bless this Easter Garden
that it may be a sign of new life and hope to all.
May it remind us that Jesus shares with us
his victory over death, and his new and risen life.
Amen.

We Say Sorry

We bring to God the things we have done wrong:

Christ, who shared our human life, has overcome the power of death, longs to welcome us into his life for ever.

We come before God to confess our sins, our failure to bear witness to the risen Christ, our fear of his call to follow him, and our lack of faith in his saving power.

Silence is kept.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We Are Forgiven

We are assured of God's forgiveness:

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.
Amen.

We Praise God

The choir sing the Gloria:



Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo-ry to the Lord, Glo -ry to the Lord God Al-migh - ty.
Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo-ry to the Lord, Glo -ry to the Lord God Al-migh - ty. Who

was and is and is to come, Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry to the Lord!

The Collect

Let us pray together:

**God of glory, by the rising 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.**

First Reading

Acts 10.34-43

Then 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
Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn

***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.***

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth:
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.***

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.***

**We have been crucified with Christ:
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.***

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.***

Please stand.

The Gospel

Mark 16.1-8

Alleluia! Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



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.



Sermon

Please sit.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

We're gathered today as God's family to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us stand to speak out boldly what we believe:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

We Pray for Others

Please sit or kneel.

After each prayer, this or another response is used:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer

Then, at the end:

Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

We Share the Peace

Please stand

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!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you, Alleluia!

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

We exchange a greeting of peace with one another using British Sign Language.

Offertory Hymn

During which the altar is prepared.

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all;
earth, heaven and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.**

Alleluia! Amen.

We Celebrate

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
And welcomed us to sit and eat with you**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love on the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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.”

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His body is the bread of life**

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.”

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood † of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al-migh - ty.
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al-migh - ty. Who



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Please sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The choir sing:



Wor - thy, Worthy, Wor-thy is the Lord, Wor-thy is the Lord God Al-migh - ty.
Wor - thy, Worthy, Wor-thy is the Lord, Wor-thy is the Lord God Al-migh - ty. Who



was and is and is to come, Wor-thy, Wor-thy, Wor - thy is the Lord!

Invitation to Communion

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

The Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one kind, the bread.

If you would rather receive a blessing, please keep your hands down and your head bowed.

During this time the choir will sing 'An Easter Greeting' by Martin How.

Post Communion Prayer

We pray together:

**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.**

Final Hymn

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

The Blessing

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

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

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

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

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Please remain in your seats as Simon Gibson plays 'Carillon Sortie' by Henri Mulet.

Easter Encore

If the weather permits, and if you feel able to, then we will gather in the churchyard after the service for the following encore:

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He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

And then sing together:

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Don't forget to pick up a mini Easter Egg before you go home!

Services will resume at 8am and 10am each Sunday from next week onwards, which you can also join via www.stpetersleck.org.

Please take this order of service home with you.

