

The Liturgy for Easter Sunday for the Parishes in the East Telford Benefice.



**The Parishes of
Holy Trinity, Oakengates
St Peter's, Priorslee
Holy Trinity, Wrockwardine Wood**

The Service of Light

We begin in darkness.

The new fire is lit.

The president says

Eternal God, who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Easter Candle is marked here

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him,
and all ages; to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

Amen.

Nails or incense studs may be inserted into the Easter Candle.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

Amen.

The Easter Candle is lit with these words

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

The candle is carried into church, pausing just inside the entrance

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Easter candle is placed on its stand

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

Welcome

The Easter Garden is Blessed

Dear God, we thank you for things which are alive – for animals, birds and insects that move around, for plants which grow and spread, for people who can be our friends. We thank you too for Jesus, our King. Thank you that he came back to life on Easter Day. May God bless our Easter garden, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

The Gloria

**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

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 Jesus Christ,
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.

Amen.

Reading

Acts 10:34-43

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive evermore.

Alleluia

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 16:1-8

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

Sermon

Renewal of Baptism vows (*You will need your water here*)

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the Easter 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 the church. Now that we have completed our observances of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

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 baptised and in which you live and grow.

Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Sprinkling (*dip your finger in the water and sign the sign of the cross on your forehead*)

Almighty God, We thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised 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.

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

Amen.

Intercessions

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

Hymn: Now the Green Blade Riseth

Spiritual Communion

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Psalm 139: 7-10

Jesus says,
Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you,
and you with me.

Revelation 3:20

Lord our God
you prepare a table before us
and, although we cannot be present at your Holy Eucharist,
by your grace, open our hearts to receive
the gift of your Son, the Word made flesh:

who, on the night that he was betrayed
took bread, 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
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 in remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
that, though separated by distance,
we may still, through faith, be partakers in the benefits
of Christ's offering of his body and his blood.

This we ask, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

A time of reflection follows, as each person present makes their own spiritual communion with God and we hear Surrexit Christ's

The period of spiritual communion concludes by saying the Lord's Prayer

As Jesus has taught us, so we say with confidence:

**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.**

Conclusion

'Remember, I am with you
to the end of the age,' says the Lord.

(Matthew 28:20)

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve
and worship you now and always.
Amen.**

Notices

Hymn: Thine Be the Glory

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
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 almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

The Dismissal

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

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

Song: **This is Amazing Grace**