**Easter 20 April 2014**

**(16 April 2017)**

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.*

*Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting*

COMMUNION SETTING Missa Brevis in C K.220

W.A. Mozart 1756-1791

**THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

ORGAN PRELUDE

*The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

We gather here to celebrate God’s promise kept.

God has handed us a mystery:

calling us to recognize the risen life amongst us.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**Christ is risen indeed!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 147 Jesus Christ is risen today

WELCOME

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**  
Let us sing praise to our Creator,  
who dared to take on human flesh   
and share the burdens of ordinary life with us.

Let us sing praise to our Redeemer,   
who endured ultimate suffering and betrayal  
so that hatred and evil will have no hold on us.

Let us sing praise to our Sustainer,  
who appeared to the women that first Easter morn,  
showing that God’s love is victorious over even death.

Let us sing praise to the living God,  
who was, and is, and shall be forever more.  
Alleluia! Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Today we hear that death is defeated

and a new world has begun

We do not know how to respond.

We do not know how to trust

that new life is ours.

Therefore we confess that we have not risen

into this new day sure that we are renewed;

sure that each day is a new world

opened to us through love.

We have not lived the great joy

of our forgiven and renewed

hearts and minds.

We have not danced for joy in the morning

nor sat speechless with gratitude in the evenings.

We have missed the earth-shaking,

earth-sustaining, earth-renewing

burst of love that comes to us

in the story of resurrection.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

KYRIE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
All the prophets testify that God’s love is forever  
and that everyone who puts their trust in Jesus  
knows forgiveness and renewal.   
Therefore, we are forgiven and renewed.

**Thanks be to God.** **Amen**

GLORIA

*The children will leave for their special activities in the Lounge.*

*All are welcome.*

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your Word creates all things

and your Spirit renews the earth.

**We listen for your Word**

**and attend to your Spirit.** **Amen**

FIRST READING Acts 10: 34-43

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

1O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious  
his mercy endureth for ever.  
2Israel now confess, that he is gracious  
that his mercy endureth for ever.  
14Lord is my strength, and my songis become my salvation.  
15voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous  
right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.  
16right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence  
right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.  
17shall not die, but livedeclare the works of the Lord.  
18Lord hath chastened and corrected me  
he hath not given me over unto death.  
19me the gates of righteousness  
I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.  
20is the gate of the Lordrighteous shall enter into it.  
21will thank thee, for thou hast heard meand art become my salvation.  
22same stone which the builders refused

is become the head-stone in the corner.  
23is the Lord’s doingit is marvellous in our eyes.  
24is the day which the Lord hath madewe will rejoice

and be glad in it.

*Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:**

**and / to the / Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be**

**world without / end. / A / men**

SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-4

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gospel*

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28: 1-10

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HYMN 157 The day of resurrection!

Sermon

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION**

CREDO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator of the universe,  
you made the world in beauty,  
and restore all things in glory  
through the victory of Jesus Christ.  
We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured  
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,  
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace,  
to the glory of your name. **Amen**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(printed inside cover of hymn book)*

HYMN 143 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

# *During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.*

# *Remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, in the offering of our gifts and of our lives,**

**we remember the abundance of love and hope that is ours to share.**

**May these gifts be as new life to any in need. Amen**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

THE INVITATION

Through light and the word,

through bread and wine,

we recall Christ’s death and resurrection,

we share Christ’s triumph over sin and death,

and with invincible hope

we renew our faith in Christ’s presence

at this table and in our lives.

Come, for all are welcome.

THE INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,  
for your love is forever.

You made your grace known to Israel in the wilderness,  
and through your prophets you pledged   
your everlasting love and constant faithfulness.  
You anointed your child, Jesus,   
with the Holy Spirit and power,  
and he went about offering fullness of life

to broken ones along the path.   
But he was put to death, hung on a tree.  
But you raised him to new life.   
Witnesses tell of his restored presence:

two women rush to tell the story

of life that conquers death,

of hope that rises out of despair,

of joy that comes in the morning.

Therefore, with our hearts open wide,  
we sing praises for life, hope and joy:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

THE CONSECRATION

*Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the on-going and everlasting life and love of Christ.* ***Amen.***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**AGNUS DEI**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward in double*

*file down the centre aisle to receive the elements, and return by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please indicate to the ushers who will arrange for communion to be brought to you. There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the glasses. Please place empty glasses in the baskets.*

COMMUNION MOTET Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen

J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Praise ye God in ev'ry nation!   
 All that heaven and the world   
 Of created order hold   
 Must be now his fame exalting,   
 And we would to this our God   
 Likewise now present an off'ring   
 For that he midst cross and woe   
 Always hath stood close beside us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Loving God, for restoring us to new life at this table. We arise from here to be your love for the world. **Amen**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

HYMN 160 Thine be the glory

WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

You carry a great

and wonderful secret,

one that shapes your life

and the essence of who you are.

You are a people who

know that deathliness

is not an end.

There is yet more life.

May God surround you with everlasting love.  
May Christ Jesus raise new life in you.  
And may the Holy Spirit anoint you with power to do good.

***You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,***

***or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.***

POSTLUDE Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne 1870-1937

*Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church*

Presiding Ministers Rev Jana Norman

Rev Sandy Boyce

Organist & Choir Director Peter Kelsall

Assistant Organist Christopher Bridge

Organ Scholar Alexander Paine

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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***Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge***

***after the service.***

**Soloists:**

Soprano Phoebe Paine

Alto Vicki McGregor

Tenor Martin Penhale

Bass Andrew Turner

**Musicians:**

Violin Emily Tulloch

Thomas Helps

Jason Thomas

Violin & Viola Asha Stephenson

Cello Catherine Finnis

Double Bass Harley Gray

Trumpet Geoff Bradley

Isaac White

Trombone David Winnal

Cassie Pope

Timpani Andrew Timko