

*Holy Trinity Church
Minchinhampton*



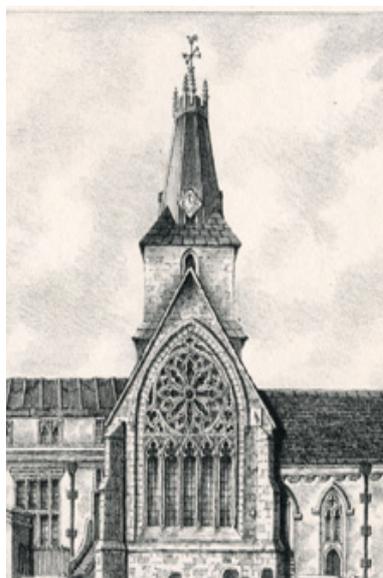
Easter Season

at the 10am Sunday Parish Eucharist

Welcome to Holy Trinity, for this celebration during Eastertide. This fifty days of Easter, from Easter Day until the Ascension, continues the joyful celebration which began at the Easter Eve Liturgy, which welcomed the joy of Christ's resurrection and the Light of the World. During this period the Easter or Paschal Candle is lit as a reminder of that light and joy. The liturgical colours of the season are festival gold and white. After the burial of the cry 'Alleluia' during Lent, we now proclaim it with great joy throughout our services. 'Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!'

An especially warm welcome to you if you are a visitor. We hope that you feel at home this morning and enjoy our service. There are usually refreshments served after the service - please do stay to share this time with us. Welcome stewards are on duty. If you are a visitor, or have any questions about the life of the church in this place, please make yourself known to them.

Our Junior Church meets in the Porch Room during the service and returns to share in the Eucharist. Any children visiting who would like to go to Junior Church please do join the others as they leave at the end of the first hymn.



There is a loop system installed throughout the church. If you are a hearing aid user, please turn it to **T**. There are toilet facilities with full disabled access in the entrance. Ask a steward to direct you. If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion, please make this known at the altar. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please take this service booklet with you to the altar.

During the collection, if you are a tax-payer please use the envelopes, filling in the details on the outside of the envelope. If you use the envelopes it enables us to reclaim tax from the government, at no cost to you.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith and the life of the Christian community in this place, please ring 01453 889004 (Parish Office) or visit us at www.minchchurch.org.uk or email admin@minchchurch.org.uk

¶ **The Gathering**

Welcome

Opening Sentence

Hymn

Please stand to sing the first hymn.

The president says

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

The president welcomes the congregation and introduces the liturgy.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Prayer of Preparation

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites the people to confess their sins.

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Like Mary 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

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

We sing together this ancient hymn of praise.

(If the David Thorne setting is used, the response is:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.)

All **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

The president says Let us pray, followed by a short silence, after which the president prays the Collect.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit down.

The Old Testament Reading

When the reading ends, these words are said.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

There may be a responsorial psalm which is sung. If there is, you will find it printed on your separate readings sheet.

The New Testament Reading

When the reading ends, these words are said.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

There may be a gradual hymn, if there has not been a responsorial psalm. If so, all stand to sing the gradual hymn.

The Gospel Reading

The congregation stands and turns towards the centre of the church for the Gospel reading. This or another sentence may be sung or said.

Alleluia

Choir **Alleluia!**

All  Musical notation for Alleluia in 6/8 time, consisting of two staves of music. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. *cf Revelation 1.17,18*

All **Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for the sermon.

The Sermon

There follows a short period of silence and stillness for reflection.

The Creed

We stand to say The 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

The president says

In the power of the Spirit

and in union with our Risen Lord

let us pray to the Father.

The congregation sits or kneels. This response is used.

Lord, in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

After the final bidding there is a moment of silence.

Heavenly Father,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,

so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;

through Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

Please stand.

The Peace

The president says

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.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the following hymn bread, wine and water are brought to the altar
and a collection is taken.*

Offertory Hymn

We remain standing to sing the hymn.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in men, women and children the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it 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 and gave you thanks;
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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The deacon says

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept as the bell is rung three times. All sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing the Lamb of God as the bread is broken for all to share

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

The president says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you.

Music during Communion

Hymns and an anthem may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

The president says Let us pray. After a short time of silent prayer, the president says the Post Communion Prayer. The congregation then prays:

All **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.**

**Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

¶ The Dismissal

Hymn

Please stand for the hymn.

Acclamation

The deacon says:

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

All **He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

The Dismissal Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' *John 11.25,26*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Blessing

The president blesses the congregation

May Christ, who out of defeat
brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Easter Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



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