

# **All Saints' Parish Church Four Oaks**



Easter Day 2023

## The Gathering

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

**Amen.**

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## Opening Hymn

AHOAN 277  
Hail the day

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All** **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All** **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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**

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**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Acts 10.34–43*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

AHOAN 533  
Now the green blade riseth

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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.'

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**All      Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look\* into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew,\* 'Rabbouni!'

(which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20.1-18

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

## **Sermon**

### ***The Liturgy of Initiation***

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

**All** Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

**All** Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**I renounce them.**

**All** Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All            I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All            I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All            I come to Christ.**

## **Prayer over the water**

**All:**            Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

**All**            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan:  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.  
Saving God  
**Give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.  
Saving God  
**Give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.  
Saving God  
**Give us life.**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his  
resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.  
Saving God  
**Give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith,  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Profession of Faith**

Brothers and sisters, I invite you to profess  
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



*Each member of the congregation is invited to renew their commitment to Christ by going to the water and making the sign of the cross with it on their forehead.*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized 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.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray to the Father  
**Hear our prayer**

*and may end with*

Merciful Father

**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, Peace be with you.  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

**All The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

AHOAN 31

Alleluia Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

## Preparation of the Table

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**All        Amen**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.  
**All        His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And now we give you thanks  
because through him you have given us eternal life  
and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of  
death into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All      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.****

## Breaking of the 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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Communion Hymn

AHOAN 352  
In Christ alone

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All**      **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## Prayer after Communion

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.**

**All**        **Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

### **Final Hymn**

AHOAN 733

The strife is o'er the battle done

### **The Blessing**

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 among you, and remain with you  
always.

**All**        **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia  
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**