Easter Day 2020
A Service of Holy Communion

Before the service, we’re hoping to stream a recording of some members of the congregation singing this classic Easter hymn, at facebook.com/GreatStMarys/live

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 that he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Lyra Davidica and others

The Greeting

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
he raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

We have been given new birth into a living hope:
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!
The 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.
**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.
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

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

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

1. \( \text{Glo}-\text{ri}-\text{a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!} \)

3. \( \text{Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!} \)
The Collect for Easter Day

Let us pray God to renew us in the glory of the risen Christ.

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Acclamation

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

Revelation 1.17, 18

The Alleluias are repeated by everyone
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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. 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.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

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.’
Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). 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.”’

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

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

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The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe
Amen.

1 Corinthians 15.3-7
The Prayers of Intercession

Each intercession ends with
Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

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!

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise for the Gospel we have received. Christ died for our sins. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time. New life without end comes through Christ, and he reigns for ever. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to praise you for ever with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven:

*Everyone sings (to the tune ‘Slane’)*

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,**
**In power and wisdom for ever adored.**
**The earth and the heavens are full of your love;**
**Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

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.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

Dy-ing you des-troyed our death, ris-ing you re-stored our life:

Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry.

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

As our Risen Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us,
that we may live in you.

The Invitation to Communion

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

Spiritual Communion

You may wish to make an act of spiritual communion at this point, using one or more of the following prayers:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester
O God, help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.
Amen.

The Prayers after Communion

Let us pray that we will dwell for ever
in the power of Christ’s resurrection.

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.
The Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen!

We know that we are raised to new life in Christ.
So let us go in his peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

You'll find a recording of our closing hymn on our Facebook page, at facebook.com/GreatStMarys,
as well as on our YouTube channel at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOTnq8dcyFvqcQwUqtnzfJ

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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.

E.L. Budry 1854-1932
translated R.B. Hoyle 1875-1939
Tune Maccabaeus G.F. Handel 1685-1759

The Organ Voluntary

You’ll find some Easter pipe organ music, recorded at Great St Mary’s, at http://www.benedicttodd.co.uk/gsm_corona.html