

**St Edward the Confessor**

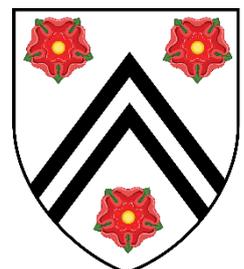
The Parish Church of **Romford**

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Livestreamed **Eucharist**  
for the **3rd Sunday of Easter**

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Throughout the service, please join in boldly with the words in bold black type.  
Where you see a ✠, you might choose to make the Sign of the Cross.

## The Gathering

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Greeting

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

### The president says

God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
✠ forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Gloria in Excelsis

*ff*  
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the

*f*  
High - est. Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *Glo - ry to God,*

*mf*  
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world; have mer - cy on us; *f* You are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *f* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,

Glo - ry to God in the High - est. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*ff*  
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

Mass of St Thomas — David Thorne

Performed by Jonathan & Debbie Venner (2020)

## The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer saying 'Let us pray'.

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Please sit.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Acts 3.12–19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## I John 3.1–7

A reading from the first letter of John:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah!  
Michael's boat's a Gospel Boat, hallelujah.  
Gabriel blows the trumpet horn, hallelujah!  
Trumpet sounds the worls around, hallelujah.  
Jordan's stream is deep and wide, hallelujah!  
Jesus stands on the other side, hallelujah.  
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah!  
Michael's boat's a Gospel Boat, hallelujah.

Traditional

## Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ according to Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Luke 24:36b–48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## **The Nicene 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 human.**

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

These responses, or others, may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

or

Lord, hear us

**Hear our prayer**

**Lord, graciously hear us**

At the end:

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

[Luke 24:35](#)

Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**

The Deacon says:

Let us offer one another signs of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, whether in person with your household, by signing into your device, or commenting on/♥ing the livestream feed.

## The Offertory Hymn

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be the lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.  
Forever you will be the lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone

Words and Music: Noel Richards (b. 1955)  
and Tricia Richards (b. 1960)

## Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people are presented:

Generous God,  
creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present our gifts,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us,  
in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name.

**Amen.**

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

# Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

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 all people 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heav'n 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.

Norman Warren

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. ✠

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

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:

**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 — with Mary the Mother of God,  
Edward the Confessor and all the saints —  
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:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours 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:

**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

The president breaks the consecrated bread:

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Loving God, through this your holy sacrament,

bles and keep all your faithful people. Amen.

# Agnus Dei

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.

Betty Pulkingham

✠ The president receives communion of behalf of those unable to do so.

Remote communicants should spend this time in contemplation and, when ready, pray the Act of Spiritual Reception:

**O loving God,  
in union with Christian people throughout the world  
and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist,  
hearing your holy Word and receiving  
the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son,  
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
Even though I am exiled from tasting  
the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life,  
I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised  
and with your Son who gave his life for us.  
Come Lord Jesus,  
dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit  
that I may be filled with your presence.**

(from the Service of Spiritual Communion)

Click here to watch [Archbishop Stephen's introduction to Spiritual Communion.](#)

## Prayer after Communion

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Notices are shared.

## Hymn

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?

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# Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 Deacon says:

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

✠ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Please use the Collect as part of your Daily Prayer; re-read the Bible readings to reflect on what God's Word might be saying to you.



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