

St John the Evangelist Great Stanmore



**Easter Day
A Service of Holy
Communion**

The Easter Liturgy

Hymn

The Greeting

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Priest introduces the service

Prayers of Penitence

Reader In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Reader Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Reader Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Reader Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

Priest 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

The Collect

The Priest says the special prayer for Easter Day

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-43

At the end the reader will say:

All This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus said, 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

John 6:40

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

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

At the end the reader will say:

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

The Address

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest 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:

Priest Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against
God?

All I reject them.

Priest Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of
evil?

All I renounce them.

Priest Do you repent of the sins that separate us
from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Priest Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Priest Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

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

All I come to Christ.

Priest May almighty God who has given you the desire to
follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the
way.

The Profession of Faith

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

All Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Children/young people will lead the prayers. The following response is used.

Leader Christ is risen:
All **Lord, raise us also to new life.**

And at the end

Leader Merciful Father:
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Priest 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 Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

The Offertory Prayer

All **Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is
true. When you break bread
may we recognise you
as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.
Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Priest It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

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.**

Priest Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

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

Priest

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest

All

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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

Priest

All

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes.**

Giving of Communion

Priest

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayers after Communion

Priest

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.

All

Amen

All

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ. Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Blessing

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

The Dismissal

Priest He is not here. He is risen.
 Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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