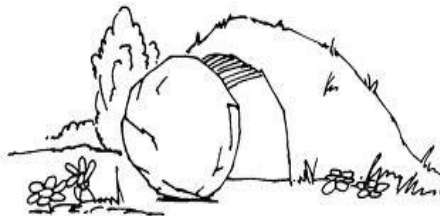




*Keston Parish Church*



# *Easter Day*



*Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!*

*The new Paschal / Easter Candle lit for the first time.*

Christ yesterday and today. The beginning and the end.  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**To him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Candle is lit*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised  
gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin,  
and destroying the sting of death.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate  
the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness,  
to share in his marvellous light.  
May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen. Alleluia.**  
The Light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Blessing the New Paschal Candle

Bless O Lord this Easter candle;  
a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God.  
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven  
and continue bravely burning to dispel all darkness.  
May Christ the Morning Star who came back from the dead  
shine on through this flame, and in the hearts of his people:  
and shed his peaceful light on all humanity.  
**Amen.**

Hymn

*Focussing on the candle flame we renew our commitment to Christ.*

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, and we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore, I ask these questions.

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

**I come to Christ.**

We must not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Let us fight valiantly as disciples of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of our lives.**

May Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please sit as we pause for a moment to reflect on the past week.*

Confession

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

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

We have lived for this world alone  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
We have lived by our own strength  
and not by the power of the resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

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

The Absolution

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.**

The Gloria    *Please stand*

**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 Old or New Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*And after the reading....*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Short Reflection

### The Creed    *Please stand*

Let us declare our faith

in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**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.**

### Intercessions    *Please sit as we are led in prayer*

### The Eucharist:

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, to praise you  
because you raised Jesus gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has restored to us everlasting life.

**Holy, Holy, Holy.**

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 say:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Holy Father, send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share this bread may be fed by Christ's body.  
**Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us, that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share with others the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming again, giving praise for our salvation.  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 forever. Amen.**

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

**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.**

Come to the table in faith,  
receive what Jesus has given for you.  
Receive and be blessed,  
remembering all Christ has done for you.  
Let faith fill your hearts with thanksgiving.

**Merciful Lord, we are drawn to come to your table,  
even though we are not worthy; but you are the God who  
saves us and forgives our sins.  
Feed us now with your precious gifts,  
so that your life is in us, and we are joined together  
as your kingdom. Amen.**

*Please stay in your seats to be given **bread only** – return to your  
seat before consuming under your mask.*

We Give Thanks Together

**Merciful God, you have called us to share your meal,  
and fed us with the bread of life.  
Sustain our life with your life,  
and draw us and all people, to serve all Creation,  
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Risen Son and the Holy Spirit be alive within you,  
and remain with you, and those you love, always.  
**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace and the power of our risen Lord.  
**Alleluia. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Outside in the Churchyard*