



Parish of St Mary the Virgin
East Grinstead

The Third Sunday of Easter
19th April 2026

Organ Prelude: Andantino quasi allegretto (Symphony 5) *Widor*

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

A bell is rung and the congregation stand and face the back of church.

During Eastertide, the penitential rite takes the form of sprinkling with the waters of baptism, blessed by Fr Adam at our Easter Vigil. The altar party, servers and choir enter church through the main doors, where the celebrant, dressed in cope, prays this prayer.

The Easter Sprinkling Rite

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us praise the Lord our God for this water he has created, and which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

Let us pray

Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism you have filled us with new life as your very own children. From all who are baptised in water and the Holy Spirit, you have formed one people, united in your Son Jesus Christ. You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Spirit of your love, that we may live in your peace. You call those who have been baptised to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere. We pray, that by the mystery of this consecrated water we may be reminded of our new and spiritual birth in baptism.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Processional Hymn *The entrance procession and entrance hymn then begin as usual. The priest sprinkles the people as he makes his way to the sanctuary.*

384 Jesus my Lord my God my all

When the clergy have returned to their place, the priest prays this prayer.

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Gloria in Excelsis

Bells may be rung during the gloria:

All: **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest**

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest

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

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.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands

of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 15

R. Show us, Lord, the path of Life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: You are my God
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
It is you yourself who are my prize. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
Who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
Even my body shall rest in safety.
Your you will not leave my soul among the dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence,
At your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The priest says:

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our

company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days ALL STAND to recite the Nicene Creed

All: 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.

All bow for these words

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

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

Please kneel or sit

Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us**

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

The intercessions may end with:

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

Please stand (if able)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a brief sign of peace with those nearest you.

Offertory Hymn (*A collection bag will be passed round for cash offerings or use QR code for digital gifts.*)



307 Sweet Sacrament divine

Pray, dear friends, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Holy Church.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says or sings:

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

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.**

The priest begins the prayer, followed by:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or sit.

The prayer continues until this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

At the end of The Eucharistic Prayer all respond boldly:

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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.

The Giving of Holy Communion

The priest invites people to communion with these or similar words:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blesséd are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

If you receive communion in any church, you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you, and bow your head.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Communion Anthem

The strife is o'er *Ley*

Communion Hymn

281 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

Prayer after Communion

Please stand (if able)

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Notices

Please sit

The Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing. **Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth be united with him in the homeland of heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Recessional hymn

486 We have a gospel to proclaim

The altar party and choir gather around the image of Our Lady, as we sing.

Regina Cæli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.

As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R **For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.**

O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord. **RAmen**

Organ Voluntary: Prelude and Fuge in B major *Dupré*

Services this week

Thursday, St George's Day

10.30am said Mass

Sunday

Said Mass 8am, Sung Mass 10am

Intercessions

We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the other congregations of our town.

West Street Baptist Church

We pray for: Halsford Pk Rd, Manor Rd, Chantlers Clo, Linden Ave.

Please pray for those in need of healing: Jorgie, Ian Lloyd, Shirley Streeter, Roy Jackson, Frances Sellick, John Railton.

Please pray for all the departed

Recently: Yomi Mosaku, Winnie Jackson.

Anniversary: Colin Poulson, Eric Addison, Les Pankhurst, Fr John Gayford, Dorothy Benedict, Caroline Peck, Ron Brown

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We use environmentally friendly products & produce a quarterly magazine.
For information & to sign up for electronic updates contact Anne at anne.stone44@googlemail.com

Notices

Notice of APCM. This will be held in church following today's 10am Mass.

The Churches Together in East Grinstead AGM Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Windmill Lane. Please come to share in the appointment of the officers and ask questions about our witness to the Communities around us. *John Starling*

Saturday 9th May St. Mary's Plant Sale and Car Boot Sale

It will take place between 10.00 am and 2pm.

If you would like to reserve a car boot space please email Andrew andrew.stmaryeg@outlook.com. Spaces cost £10.

When you are tidying your sheds or starting to get your garden ready for summer think of St. Mary's. We are inviting donations of plants and any unwanted garden or car boot items to sell to raise money for church (please no books or CD's). We would also welcome monetary donations allowing us to buy summer annuals from trade suppliers which we can then sell on the day at retail prices.

If you are interested in helping, please speak to Andrew or David.

Chichester Cathedral have invited us to a special choral evensong on Rogation Sunday May 10th at 3pm to highlight the environmental achievements of the diocese. After there will be a reception, with refreshments, at which there will be a display of awards and activities. If you are interested in coming, please let Anne know. Some of the Eco group will be going, so we may be able to car share.

Christian Aid Week is approaching... May 10th to 17th Many Thanks *Anne*

Flowers Thanks to everyone who sponsored Easter flowers or donated to the fund. The price of cut flowers has shot up recently, so your generosity allowed us to fill the church with flowers to celebrate Easter. *Helen*

Green Sunday will be 14th June.



ST MARY'S CHURCH EAST GRINSTEAD

Plant & Car Boot Sale

Saturday 9th May
10am-2pm

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