

ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLEVEDON

*A Christ-Centred Community
of Extravagant Welcome and Radical Hospitality*

The Great Vigil of Easter

All Souls Church

Saturday 30th March at 8.00pm



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

THE EASTER LITURGY

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

We gather outside for the lighting of the new fire.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
On this most holy night
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
Confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

The Presiding Priest lights a fire, and says:
Eternal God, we share in the light of your glory
through Jesus the light of the world.
Sanctify this new fire, inflame us with fresh hope,
and bring us to the feast of eternal light.
With Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

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

The Easter candle is lit
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The congregation takes seats in the Church.

*The Easter candle is carried in procession into the Church,
and three times the procession stops. The candles carried by the congregation
are lit from the Easter candle.*

Christ our light

We respond : **Thanks be to God.**

The candle is placed on its stand , the altar candles are lit

The Exultet

1. Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your King in glorious symphony!

2. Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past, the day of life is here!

3. Sing, Church of God! Exult your joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!

(Tune: Tell Out My Soul)

The Lord is here!

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, O God, the source and ground of all our being, the Father almighty, and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who out of love for those estranged from you, stretched out his arms upon the cross to enfold us all in his embrace.

For this is the Passover of that true Lamb of God, by whose blood the homes of all the faithful are marked as yours for ever.

This is the night when of old you delivered the people of Israel from slavery, leading them dry-shod through the sea, and calling them to be a people after your own heart.

This is the night when Jesus your anointed one vanquished the power of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are set free, and empowered to serve in grace and holiness.

Most blessed of all days, when mourning is turned to joy, for evil could not destroy the Lord of love, and we have a foretaste of the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Day truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth and all creation reconciled to the one who fashions it!

Therefore, ever-loving God, in the joy of this day, receive our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always make our darkness light; for Christ our Morning Star has risen and sheds his peaceful light on all creation, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The individual candles are extinguished and the church lights turn on

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us now hear of God's activity in previous times, believing that God desires to bring all people in every age to fullness of life.

- *The Song of Moses*

God of steadfast love,
by the power of your mighty arm
you delivered your chosen people
from slavery under Pharaoh,
giving us a sign of salvation through the waters of baptism;
**grant that all the peoples of the earth
may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham,
and rejoice in the inheritance of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- *Isaiah 55 : 1 - 11*

Everloving God,
By the power of your Word
you have created all things,
and by your Spirit you renew the earth:
**give now the water of life to those who thirst for you,
That they may bring forth abundant fruit
in your glorious reign that knows no end.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- *Ezekiel 36 : 24 – 28*

Gracious God,
in the mystery of your Son's death and resurrection
you established the new covenant of reconciliation;
**grant that all who in baptism are born again
may show forth in their lives**

**what they profess by their faith.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven
peace to those who love Him well
on the earth let all God's people
seek His grace, His wonders tell.
Lord, we praise you for your glory
mighty Father, heaven's King
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father
Lamb who takes our sins away
now with Him in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy
Saviour, you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father
with the Spirit three in one.

(Tune: Ode to Joy)

Sentence:

Go quickly now, and tell the disciples, "Jesus has been raised from death."

Matthew 28:7a

Prayer of the Day

**Glorious God, Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you with integrity,
and reflect in our living, the brightness of that one true light.
With Jesus we pray. Amen**

- **Romans 6 : 3-11**

After the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

GRADUAL HYMN:

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Easter Acclamation

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia!**
He has defeated the powers of death. **Alleluia!**
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **Alleluia!**
He has words of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

- **Mark 16 : 1 - 8**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark
Praise and glory to God. Alleluia!

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word, Alleluia!

REFLECTION

THE LITURGY OF WATER

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

We thank you Gracious God, for the gift of water. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptised by John and anointed with the Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray, by the power of the Spirit. May those who are born again by water and the Spirit continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, our God, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the Paschal Mystery we have died and been buried in Baptism, so that we may rise with Christ to a new life within the family of the Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our Baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Let us now renew our commitment to Christian Service.
Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.

From the beginning believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

I will, with God's help.

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to love your neighbours as yourself,
and strive for peace and justice?

I will, with God's help.

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ
in your daily life and work?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole Church will you proclaim by word and action
the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Let us commit our lives to Christ.

Blessed be God. Jesus is Lord.

Let us also celebrate the faith into which we were baptised
and in which we now live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Creator?

**I believe and trust in God, supreme and holy, who creates our world
and gives us life. God's purpose overarches everything we do.**

God is always with us.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ who redeemed humanity?

**I believe and trust in Jesus, born of the woman Mary,
in whom God's love was revealed, who lived and died and rose again,
and is with us now.**

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit who gives life
to all people?

**I believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit who empowers us to be the
gospel in the world, who reconciles and heals, and has
overcome death.**

Water is sprinkled as a reminder of our Baptism.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE (*Please Stand*)

The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you". Then their hearts were filled with joy.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We share Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
And list'ning to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend,

for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing or sitting throughout the Great Thanksgiving
as is your custom.*

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Glorious God,

we give you thanks and praise,

for on this day creation sings,

Christ is risen from the dead!

He has burst forth from the tomb

to break the tangles of despair and death.

Love is come again.

Therefore, we praise you,

joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing

who forever sing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power, Giver of life,

heaven and earth declare your splendour.

Praise, glory, and love are yours.

All-embracing God,

we give thanks for Jesus,

the risen Lord of life,

who rose victorious from the grave

and made the whole creation new.

He broke bread with sinners,
fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed,
then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.
Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said,
Drink this all of you:
This is my blood poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this to remember me.
Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection,
we offer you these gifts of bread and wine,
and our lives in thanks and praise.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth,
that we may proclaim good news to all the world
and rise together as children of your new creation.
Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God,
where death and pain are no more
and you dwell with us forever.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise.
Amen.

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life:
**As the gift of this new day unfolds,
open our hearts and minds to you,
that we may see you clearly and follow where you lead;
to you, risen Saviour, we offer praise, now and always. Amen.**

Notices

Easter Blessing

You are witnesses to the Resurrection.

You are messengers of the gospel.

Go forth to tell the good news,

preaching peace by Jesus Christ – who is Lord of all.

And may the blessing of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
go with you this day and all your days. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. 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 vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

2. 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 ...

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught 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 ...

DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord.

Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sanctuary – St James: Autumn at All Souls

Sunday 5 May 7pm: *Ensemble Aaru*

Ensemble Aaru is a reed quintet (oboe, bassoon, clarinet, bass clarinet and saxophone) made up of principal players from Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and top freelance players based in Auckland.

Sunday 12 May 7pm: *Next Offramp*

Next Offramp is a contemporary acapella vocal group. Their eclectic repertoire is a mix of popular songs, along with some wonderfully obscure gems that blur the lines between pop, jazz and folk. Described as “edgy”, with tight rhythms, fresh harmonies, and groove, Next Offramp has plenty of energy and heart.

Sunday 19 May 7pm: *Auckland Chamber Music Collective*

The **Auckland Chamber Music Collective** (ACMC) was formed in late 2022. For the Sanctuary St James concert, ACMC will be performing NZ composer Salina Fisher’s ‘Heal’ and Beethoven’s String Quartet Op. 18 No. 5 alongside some of the Danish String Quartet’s ‘Wood Works’ – unique arrangements of Scandinavian folk tunes. This concert will feature violin, viola and cello.

Sunday 26 May 7pm: *Shindig*

Inspired by the unvarnished music of artists such as Dock Boggs, Roscoe Holcomb and Leadbelly, **Shindig** present stonking new takes on old-time folk, blues and country tunes from the American pantheon. The trio consists of driving clawhammer banjo, vocals, the fiddle/mandolin and the Double Bass.

Concert 1 is \$35 per ticket and includes supper.

Concerts 2 – 4 are \$30 per ticket.

Full season tickets available for \$105.

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