

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CLAPHAM



**EASTER 4  
PARISH EUCHARIST**

# ACCLAMATIONS

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

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Here are words you may trust.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

**he is our salvation, our eternal glory.**

If we die with him, we shall live with him;

**if we endure, we shall reign with him.**

If we deny him, he will deny us;

**if we are faithless, he keeps faith.**

For he has broken the power of death  
**and brought life and immortality to light through  
the gospel.**

## **WELCOME**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 794**

#### **THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD**

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

### **CONFESSION**

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

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

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy forgive us.

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

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

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

### **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.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**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**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## **FIRST READING: ACTS 4.5-12**

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING : JOHN 10:11-18**

*We stand and face the Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

*(At the end)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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**

### **THE PEACE**

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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*During which a collection will be taken*

### **HYMN 460            O THOU, WHO AT THY EUCHRIST DIDST PRAY**

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy church might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done':  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:



thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the church which still that faith doth keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.

### **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

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 forever.**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

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

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

**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.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse us and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your Kingdom.  
Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:**

keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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.**

### **NOTICES AND BANNES**

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN 800 THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still, still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

Refrain:

*and I will trust in You alone  
and I will trust in You alone  
for Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,

and my cup it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights. [Refrain]

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
are the comforts I need to know. [Refrain]

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

God the Father,  
Open to you the gates of everlasting life.  
God the Son,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
God the Holy Spirit,  
Empower you to live the life of the risen Lord.  
And the blessing of God almighty  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead,  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please join us for coffee and a chat after the service.*

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