



Confirmation & Sung Eucharist

President:

**The Rt Revd Martin Wharton
Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of London**



**3rd Sunday of Easter
23 April 2023
St Luke's, Chelsea
10.30am**

Welcome to the Parish of Chelsea: St Luke's & Christ Church

Thank you for supporting candidates for Confirmation.

Please pray for us in this parish as we shall pray for you, wherever you may live and work. Visit our website: www.chelseaparish.org

Notices

***Please turn your mobiles off and
please do not take photos during the service. Thank you.***

There is a loop system in the Church.

Sunday School for children up to Year 4 only.

Please follow (quietly) in the procession behind the cross when the children leave the church after the Collect to go to St Luke's Hall.

We ask that only one adult accompanies
their child to Sunday School.

Year 5 and above are invited to stay to take part in the service.

Director of Music: Jeremy Summerly

Organist: Rupert Jeffcoat

Verger: Sue Buchan

Duty Warden: Janet Gower

Sidespeople: Ursula Pearce, Allan Sanderson, Alexandra Harris,
John & Alfie Stewart, Susie Butterfield, Ken Gower

Communion Assistants: Simon Hills, Sue Buchan, Tim McKean

Candidates for Confirmation

Thomas Peyman Askari
Ruby Ball
Louis Barry-Grant
Victoria Chu
Otilie Duff Gordon
Ana-Nia Faloye-Baza Boko
Albie Henwood
Archie Henwood
Inigo Joelson
Luke Hamilton-Jones
Matthew Farnood Azizani Kolveyr
Huw Lloyd
Ksenia Lloyd
Olivia Macleod
Keorapetse Moagi
Jack Mogford
Albert Rose
Bonnie Tindall
Richard John Vaughan
Melanie Wotherspoon

The Mass setting is Darke in A minor

The Organ Prelude is Estampie from the Robertsbridge Codex
(anon. 14th cent English)

Introit Hymn

Thine be the Glory

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 victory thou o'er death hast won.*

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, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

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, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people.

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

The Bishop introduces the service.

Invitation to Confession

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.' Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings the Gloria

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 thy Son our Lord,

Amen.

Please sit. The children, up to Year 4 only, process to their Sunday School Groups.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 2.14a,36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say:
Alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluya!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluya!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24. 13-35

Alleluia!

I appoint you to go out and bear fruit; fruit that will last.

Alleluia!

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

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed 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 they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rt Revd Martin Wharton

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates stand and are presented to the Bishop, who asks them:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The Decision

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:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you strength to continue in the Way.

Amen.

The Bishop leads the candidates to the font while the choir sings Ubi caritas ('Where love and charity are: there is God') by Ola Gjeilo

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation.

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The candidates for confirmation go forward to the font and sign themselves with water. The Bishop says:

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Bishop sprinkles the congregation with water from the font, as a reminder of their own baptism, as the Bishop and candidates process back to the chancel.

Confirmation

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed, and says:

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;

the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name.

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The Bishop then lays his hands on the head of each candidate, saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Bishop anoints each candidate with the oil of chrism, saying:

Be sealed with the gift of the Spirit.

Amen.

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid.

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants.
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

The Peace

All please stand. The Bishop says:

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead.
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
Once for all when thou was slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain.

Alleluya,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died.

Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!

See the back of this pew sheet for information regarding your offering.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere
to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father,
And in these days of Easter to celebrate
With Joyful hearts and memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in
men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them
once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life
eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound
with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all
creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

The choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of
Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Luke and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Bishop breaks the consecrated 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 choir sings Veni Sancte Spiritus (plainchant mode i)

Giving of Communion

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.

The Bishop and people receive Communion at the dais or at the font.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople for receiving the sacrament. All who normally receive the sacrament in their own churches are welcome to receive it here. Gluten-free wafers (square in shape) are available, please ask the Bishop when you receive Communion. If you come for a blessing, please just bow your head.

During Communion the choir will sing the Agnus Dei from Darke in A minor, 'The eyes of all wait upon thee' by Jean Berger, and 'Hear my prayer' by Moses Hogan.

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service:
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

The Blessing

The God of peace who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood
of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work
To do his will, working in you that which is well— pleasing in
his sight:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
O-o,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
O-o,
we are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba,
O-o,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamba,
O-o,
syahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
O-o,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
O-o,
we are marching in the light of God.

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

When all the newly confirmed have received a lighted candle, the Bishop says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia

The Bishop leads the newly confirmed through the church.

Organ Voluntary: Crown Imperial - William Walton

A retiring collection for the Bishop of Kensington's Discretionary Fund will be taken on the table at the back of the church as you leave.

You can donate by tapping your debit or credit card on the card reader or by using an offering envelope, which you will find in your pew. Please complete the information requested on the offering envelope so that the church can claim Gift Aid.

The Bishop of Kensington's Discretionary Fund is used for the mission and ministry of the Kensington area and to assist clergy in pastoral need. Please give generously.

Notices

Electoral Roll Is Open For Revision

Please check to see if your name is on our parish's Electoral Roll, which is posted at the back of the church. If it is not there, please fill in the form provided and post it in the box or return it to the Parish Office. Sunday is the last day that you will be able to add your name to the list.

AN INVITATION from parishioner - Miles Maskell

You, your family and friends are most cordially invited to a party to launch my book, "My Wife's Canary and other Anecdotes".

The launch will take place from 7 to 9 pm on Wednesday 26th April in the Hall of St Luke's Church which is located in St Luke's Street, London SW3.

The Hall is immediately behind the Church itself - St Luke's Street is perhaps best accessed via Sydney Street on which the Church stands.

SUMMER FAIR

and Emergency Services Day

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

12.00NOON - 3.00PM

ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SYDNEY STREET, SW3 6NH



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Regular Events



Sunday School

Sunday School takes place during the 10.30am (St Luke's) and 11.00am (Christ Church) services each Sunday. Sunday School resumes at both churches on 23 April.



ABC Parent & Toddler Group

At Christ Church on Thursdays from 10.00am-11.30am.



Youth Group

In St Luke's Vestry every other Thursday from 5.00pm-7.00pm. Next meeting is Thursday 4 May.



Midweek Coffee

In St Luke's Narthex every Thursday from 11.15am-12.15pm.

Week Day Services

Mondays - 9.00am Morning Prayer, Christ Church

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Luke's

Thursdays - 12.30pm Midweek Eucharist, St Luke's

Morning Prayer on Mondays will be at Christ Church in term time, and at St Luke's when there is no school. Therefore, the next Monday morning prayer at Christ Church on 17 April.

Sunday Services

8.00am	BCP Eucharist	St Luke's
10.30am	Sung Eucharist	St Luke's
No	Sung Eucharist	Christ Church this week
3.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Luke's this week



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