

ST NICOLAS **GUILDFORD**



Easter Sunday Mass
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



*The ministers go in silence to the main entrance, one of them
carrying the unlit Easter Candle.*

All the lights in the church are switched off.

The priest and people stand at the entrance of the church

All Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;

All to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

A minister lights the Easter Candle from the Holy Fire and the priest says

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The people enter the church and the priest, following, carrying
the Candle raises it sings*

The light of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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A joyful fanfare may be played, bells rung, cymbals clashed, noise made, lights switched on and the people's candles extinguished.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Easter Acclamation

**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!**

**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!**

**Sing, Church of God! Exult with 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!**



Confession

This or another seasonal invitation to Confession is offered by the priest:

Priest ‘Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

¶ Please **SIT OR KNEEL**

The president prays over a vessel of water

God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.
Sanctify this water, we pray.
Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The president and people are sprinkled.

The president concludes with this or another authorized 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.

All **Amen.**



¶ Please STAND

The Gloria

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

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

¶ Please SIT

A reading from the NEW TESTAMENT

At the end of which, the reader says,

Lector This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

¶ Please STAND for the GRADUAL MOTET

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Please SIT

The Homily



The Creed

**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.
For us and for our salvation he 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.**

The Prayers of the People

¶ Please SIT OR KNEEL

Priest In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ
let us pray to the Father.

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.
That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or
shelter ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all
the world ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**



That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

¶ Please STAND

Priest Our Lady is Mother of the Church and shows her care for us all by her prayers. We join our prayers with hers as we say,

All **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 time of our death. Amen.**

Priest And so aided by the prayers of Our Lady, on whose constant intercession we rely, we commend the world for which Christ gave His life saying,

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



The Peace

This or another introduction to the Peace is offered.

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.

All The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you

We all may exchange a sign of peace

¶ Please STAND for the OFFERTORY HYMN

*During which a collection will be taken for the work of the church and good causes.
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cordless payment machine.*

Priest Be present, be present,
 Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
 make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord is here
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest 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
 the 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:

All **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.**



¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

Priest 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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 Our Lady, Nicolas, George,
Benedict 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in 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.**

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The Fracture

Priest 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.**

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.**

*You are welcome to make your communion. Sidespeople will guide you.
Anyone baptised may receive the Eucharist.*

Easter Anthems

Prayer after Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
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.**

¶ Please STAND

Hymn: *Thine be the glory*

The Blessing & Dismissal

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through 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, Son and Holy Spirit
Be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

**Priest The Mass is ended.
He is not here. He is risen.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.