

## ***Easter Morning 2021, Widford Parish***

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ yesterday and today

**The beginning and the end.**

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages:

**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 live. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim the awesome power of God, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever.

### ***We light a candle***

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

**The light of Christ,**

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***The choir sings:*** 551 Thine be the glory

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### ***Exsultet***

Choirs of angels, stars and planets:

**All God's people sing and dance.**

All creation, Church of God

**All God's people sing and dance.**

We praise you Lord of life and death:

We glorify your name:

**All God's people sing and dance.**

This is the morning you set us free,

Bringing us home, in love;

Holy morning, when you led your people through the fearsome sea:

**All God's people sing and dance.**

This is the morning you brought your Son through the doors of death;

O holy morn, when death takes flight and hope is born again,

**All God's people sing and dance.**

This is the morn our tears of sadness turn to shouts of joy:

Holy morn, when the choirs of earth sing the songs of heaven:

**All God's people sing and dance.**

This is the morn when Christ our Light makes the darkness bright:

**All God's people sing and dance.**

Christ is the life that knows no end.

Christ is the love that burns within.

Christ is the peace that floods the world.

Christ is the Lord who reigns on high.

**All God's people sing and dance. Amen.**

### ***Confession***

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

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***

**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***

God of glory, by the raising of your Son, you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

### ***Bible Reading***

At the end the reader shall say: This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***The choir sings:*** 378 Low in the grave he lay

### ***Gospel Reading***

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.....

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

At the end the reader shall say: This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ***Sermon***

#### ***A Corporate Renewal of Baptismal Vows***

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God:

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I reject them**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ**

#### ***Raise the Easter candle***

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

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

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

(water sprinkling)

Christ claims you for his own.

**Receive the sign of the cross.**

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil,  
And remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. Amen.

***Raise the Easter candle***

The light of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary,**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

May Christ dwell in your hearts by faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Amen

***Signing choir:*** Christ the Lord is risen today

***Intercessory Prayers***

***Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

***Choir: 425 O Lord my God***

**The Peace:** The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

### ***Spiritual Communion***

**We say together:** Almighty God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed body and blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I now cannot receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

### ***Acclamation***

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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**All – outside:** 559 To God be the glory

### ***Blessing***

All our problems: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

All our difficulties: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

All the devil's work: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

All our hopes: **We set on the risen Christ.**

The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you this Easter morning, and always. Amen

We go in the power of the risen Christ,

**To serve with joy, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**