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Christ is risen.
All reply: He is risen indeed.
 'Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.' *All: Glory to you, O Lord.*
At the end of the Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ.
Acclamation after the Holy Gospel: [Tune: NEH 478]

This is the day when God's own Son
 Rose from the dead, the triumph won,
 Alleluya, alleluya.
 All praise to him eternally,
 All glory, might and majesty.
 Alleluya, alleluya,
 Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

Sermon by the Vicar
The Renewal of Baptismal Vows (*on reverse of Readings paper*).
 Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
 Offertory Hymn 296 (Collection)
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188, with Easter Preface on page 316.
Consecration Acclamation: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All sing: Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluys;
 Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluys;
 Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluys;
 Hail, the resurrection thou! Alleluys.

The Lord's Prayer, etc. on pages 178-180
 At the Invitation: O Lamb of God (*Choir*).
 During the Communion: Hymn 119 [PLEASE DO NOT STAND FOR THIS HYMN]
 Anthem: The day draws on with golden light. *Bairstow*
 [Words from Hymn 100]
 Post-Communion hymn: 120. Post-Communion Prayer: page 400
 The Blessing and Easter Dismissal



In the Name of Christ All- e- lu- ya, All- e- - - lu- - - ya -

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known, and join us for coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.

1100 CHORAL MATTINS *Book of Common Prayer rite*
There is a separate edition of the Weekly Notes for Mattins

1210 HOLY COMMUNION at the Easter Garden
 Details as at 0800.

1830 Evening Prayer at the Easter Garden
 conducted by Mr Reginald Saunders, Reader

**PROCESSION, BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDEN, AND
CHORAL EUCHARIST**
Common Worship rite

Crèche: through the double doors by the side altar.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 400
Other Easter material: page 316 (black ribbon).
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188 (red ribbon).
Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in F
For those who do not have copies of the black book,
'*Common Worship*', the text of some parts of the
service are on a separate slip of paper.

Processional hymn: The Easter Anthems.

Tune: *Westminster Abbey*

- 1 Christ our Paschal Lamb is offered;
Therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with ancient leaven of malice,
Now from all its power released,
But with Bread of truth unleavened,
Life of Christ the eternal priest.
- 2 Christ is raised from death's dominion,
Never more shall Jesus die;
He has died to sin for ever,
Now he lives to God most high;
Risen life in Christ the Saviour
Won for all the world thereby.
- 3 Therefore, let all Christian people
Die to sin and live to God;
Jesus Christ from death is risen,
Life's new path by Jesus trod,
He the first-fruits of the harvest
Of the dead, the living Lord.
- 4 Since by man came death eternal,
Life eternal came by man;
Resurrection life was granted:
God the Father's will and plan.
Though all die as sons of Adam,
Life for all in Christ began.

5. Praise to God the Father glorious,
To the Spirit and the Son.
We have died; with Christ is hidden
All our life in God alone,
In the mystery of the Godhead,
Where his will is ever done.

1 Cor. 5:7,8; Rom. 6:9-11;
1 Cor. 15: 20-22; (Col. 3:3).

The Easter Greeting: Christ is risen.

All reply: He is risen indeed.

[This Greeting comes at other points in the service.]

The Blessing of the Easter Garden

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has given us new birth into a living hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Let us pray: Bless, O Lord, this Easter Garden, set around the living flame that proclaims the living Christ; grant that all who visit this Garden may be strengthened in faith, and rejoice in the knowledge of Christ's risen life and of his eternal victory; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Hymn 110: Jesus Christ is risen today.
Gloria in excelsis (*sung by the Choir*): traditional language text on page 211
(*Readings on separate paper*)
Collect of the Day: page 400
New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John
The Easter Alleluia.

Tune: *Easter Hymn*

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Repeated by everyone: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

and followed at once by:

The Easter Sequence: *Victimae Paschali*

Tune: *Morning Light*

To Christ the Paschal victim
Let Christians offer praise;
The Lamb of God all sinless
Has died, the sheep to raise.
This reconciliation
Through paths of earthly pains
Brings peace with God the Father,
And now Christ lives and reigns.

*I saw the tomb of Jesus,
The living Christ, my Lord,
The resurrection glory
Of Christ now raised by God.*

*The angels brought their tidings,
And showed where Christ had lain;
'Behold the shroud and napkin,
The truth at once made plain;
For Christ my hope is risen,
Before you goes the Lord,
To Galilee he calls you;
Make haste with one accord.*

For death and life have battled
In awesome, cosmic strife,
And Jesus Christ victorious
Has passed from death to life.

Our hope of resurrection
The Prince of Life now gains,
He fought, he died, he conquered,
He lives, he rules, he reigns,

How blest are they who listen,
Believing Mary's word,
Whose resurrection tidings
The glad disciples heard.

From death the Lord is risen,
Our Easter praises sing;
Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy,
Our risen Victor-King.

O Magdalen, now tell us
About that blessed morn,
Within the Easter Garden
Before the light of dawn..

At the end of the Easter Sequence the Alleluia is repeated for the last time.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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The Creed and the Greeting, then *all kneel for the Lord's Prayer*, the Responses and the three Collects (first Collect on page 62).
 Anthem: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem.
 [Words of Hymn 124.]

Prayers.
 Hymn 117 (Collection)
 The Blessing

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Note. As is usual at St Mary's there will not be any liturgical services in church during Easter Week, and the office will be closed until Monday, 19 April.



