

**Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
Holy Cross, Sarratt and
St Paul's, Chipperfield**

MORNING SERVICE

EASTERTIDE

Easter Day to Eve of Pentecost

Preparation

Organ voluntary

Please stand

Welcome

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

All: **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said; a hymn may be sung

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

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

All: **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.

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

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

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

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**

The Word

Readings

At the end the reader may say:

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn is sung

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

All **Alleluia.**

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

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

Sermon

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

All: **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

We sit or kneel to pray

The Prayers

Intercessions

This response may be used:

Jesus, Lord of life

All: **In your mercy, hear us**

Jesus, Lord of life,
All: **in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept. The Collect is read and all respond

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: **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.**

Offering

We offer our gifts to God, a hymn may be sung

Conclusion

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Closing Prayer

All: **God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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