

# The Parish of ST. MICHAEL'S, COPPENHALL

## THE LITURGY OF EASTER EVE

The building in darkness, all gather near the door.  
After an introduction, a new fire is kindled. The  
Easter Candle is marked and lit.  
All follow into church.

Priest The Light of Christ (3 times)

**All Thanks be to God**

The people's candles are lit as the Easter Candle is  
processed to the front.

**Stand** The Exsultet is sung.

Sit for the readings which tell of God's saving work:  
after each reading a prayer is said.

Genesis 1 vv 1-2, 4 Genesis 22 vv 1-18  
Exodus 14 vv 10-end, 15 vv 20-21 Ezekiel 37 vv 1-14

**Stand**

Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

**At the altar candles are lit, a JOYFUL NOISE is  
made with bells, keys and organ. Lights are  
switched on and people's candles extinguished.**

**All 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 is said.

**Sit** Romans 6 vv 3-11

**Stand Alleluia**

Gospel Luke 24 vv 1-12

### SERMON

All turn to the font as the Litany of Saints is sung.

Priest 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?

**All I reject them**

Priest Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All I renounce them**

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

**All I repent of them.**

Priest Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All I turn to Christ**

Priest Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All I submit to Christ**

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

**All I come to Christ**

The priest stands before the water of baptism and  
prays over it.

Priest Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the  
faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust  
in God the Father?

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

Priest Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus  
Christ?

**All 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 to judge the living and  
the dead.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All 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**

All the people are sprinkled with the waters of  
baptism and a prayer is said.

Priest Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**All And also with you. Alleluia.**

### HYMN 119

The Eucharistic prayer follows.

At the invitation to Communion:

Priest Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

### COMMUNION HYMN 112

Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen

**All He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

The Solemn Blessing follows.

### HYMN 113

*We are an Easter people  
And Alleluia is our Song*