

Morning Prayer
Sunday 2nd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Praise to 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 a light to the world.
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He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind,
repenting our sins and rejoicing in God's forgiveness.

Silence may be kept.

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.**
Amen.

The Word of God

Epistle Reading – 1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 20:24-29

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

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The Easter Anthems

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.

4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9–11

6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8 for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20–22

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Sermon

Prayers

our intercessions are led, and may include the response:

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

**Keep us, good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy
In this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
And lift up all who are brought low;
That we may rejoice in your comfort
Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love,
In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Collect

**Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Trusting in the compassion of God,
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
“**Our Father, who art in heaven ...**”

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

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The Conclusion

The Blessing, followed by:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
He has defeated the powers of death.
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.
He has the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

We are raised to new life with Christ. Let us go in his peace.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*We continue our very brief Sunday services of Holy Communion
(sharing bread only, and with no singing indoors) in our churches.*

Today's service is at Grewelthorpe Church at 11.15.

There is also a Lambing Service at Dallowgill Chapel of the Resurrection at 6.30 pm.

Face coverings are compulsory in church services.