

# Easter – March 31, 2024

## WELCOME

### ACCLAMATION

On the first day of the week, the disciples went to the tomb and they found the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

**Alleluia**

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Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Eternal God and Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead: with the whole company of your people in heaven and on earth we rejoice and give thanks that he who was dead is alive again and lives for evermore; that he is with us now and always, and that nothing can part us from your love in him; that he has opened the way to your kingdom and brought us the gift of eternal life.

**All glory, praise and thanksgiving, all worship, honour and love, be yours, almighty and everlasting God, in time and for all eternity. Amen**

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires know and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **PSALM 118:1-2; 14-24**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my defence;

he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory

resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

<sup>16</sup> The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

<sup>17</sup> I will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this,

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen***

### SONG

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! (61)

### CONFESSION

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins...

### ***Silence***

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us**

**our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION:**

May the God of love and power forgive you (us) and free you (us) from all your (our) sins, heal and strengthen you (us) by his Spirit, and raise you (us) to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SONG**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The king of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope (repeat)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa!

**READING: Acts 10:34-43**

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

**COLLECT:**

**Lord of life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him; grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen**

**Song:**

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour (378)

**GOSPEL: Mark 16:1 – 8**

*Hear the gospel according to ...  
**Glory to you, O Lord***

*This is the Gospel of Christ;  
**Praise to you O Lord.***

**SERMON:**

***Skit with children (Dorothea)***

Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain:

*Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show.  
*Refrain*

The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there."  
*Refrain*

"Go spread the news: He's not in the  
grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labours are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won."  
*Refrain*

Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.  
*Refrain*

*Text: Bernard Kyamanywa,; tr. Howard S. Olson*  
*Tune: Tanzanian*

### **SONG**

Thank You Jesus, thank You Jesus, (523)

You're coming back again,  
and we with You shall reign,  
thank You Lord for loving me.  
You're coming back again...

### **CREED:**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance  
with the scriptures; he was buried; he  
was raised to life on the third day in  
accordance with the scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his  
followers, and to all the apostles; this  
we have received, and this we believe.  
Amen**

### **INTERCESSION:**

***Merciful Father accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen***

### **PEACE**

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

The Risen Christ came among his  
disciples and said "Peace be with you".  
And they were glad when they saw the  
Lord. Alleluia

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

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**090155**; St. Saviour's Parochial Church  
Council*

**Gracious God, for all you have given  
us, all you will give us and all you give  
us here and now, we offer you our  
thanks and praise. Bless this offering  
of our money and of ourselves to be  
used in your service, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **SONG (preparation of table):**

Jesus remember me...

### **PERSONAL PRAYER DURING COMMUNION**

During communion there will be an  
opportunity to receive prayer and anointing  
with oil from a member of our prayer team. If  
you would like someone to pray with you,  
please head to the prayer corner after  
receiving communion.

### **HOLY COMMUNION (P.5, 6)**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen High Priest.  
Make yourself know in the breaking of  
bread. **Amen**

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks because Christ our paschal sacrifice has made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life. He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people. His death is our ransom, his resurrection is our rising to life. The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God.... (Page 5)

### **The Lord's Prayer (page 6)**

*Jesus taught us to call God Father, so in faith and trust we pray:*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; **have mercy on us.**

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Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; **grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus

died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen**

**We do not presume... (p7)**

### **SONGS:**

Such love, pure as the whitest snow (514)

Freely freely (129)

AT YOUR FEET WE FALL, mighty risen Lord, (34)

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Help us, O Lord our God, to hear and obey your call to us, as those who have been raised with Christ, to seek the things that are above where Christ is, seated at your right hand; that our thoughts may be set on heavenly things, not on the things of this earth, and we may be partakers of his risen life until we are manifested with him in glory. We ask it in his name. **Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THANKS: P7,8)** **Father of all...**

### **FINAL SONG**

Thine be the glory (551)

### **PRAYER AND BLESSING**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

May the blessing...

Alleluia, Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Go and live for Christ in the power of his resurrection.



**Thanks be to God, Amen**

## NOTICES

1. **Please help to replenish our foodbank which is very low on the basic food items.** Thanks to all those who have been contributing to this with food and money. It is very appreciated. **Thanks to Wendy (Ella's daughter) for her generous contribution of food.**

2. **Please take a copy of the Good News Newspaper.** It is a good read.



3. **Annual General Meeting – Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12noon. Please remember reports to be sent to Cornelius by April 7<sup>th</sup>.**
4. **If your name is not on the electoral roll** and you have been coming to our church for at least six months please complete an electoral roll form and give it to a warden. Thanks
5. **Remember your Lent Project is due today.** Thanks for your generosity.
6. **Cornelius will be off this to rest. No morning prayers this week.**
7. **Young Christians Together meet Friday April 5, at 7:30pm.** Please pray for this fellowship.
8. **Congratulations to the son of Dorothea and John who got married this week.** May God bless Johannes and Jenny on their new life together and grant them a long and happy married life together.
9. Please remember to **subscribe and**  **use the bell if**  **you use** YouTube in your **morning and evening prayers.**

- **Friday fortnight bible Study on zoom every other Friday from 7:30**



- **Tuesday evening Bible Study each week on zoom from 8pm. ALL ARE INVITED**

10. Church of England daily prayer:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

### Prayer of preparation to come to the table.

O Lord, I know that I am unworthy to receive your Holy Body and Precious Blood; I know that I am guilty, and that I eat and drink condemnation to myself, not discerning the Body and Blood of Christ my God. But trusting in your loving-kindness I come unto you because you have said: *He who eats my Body and drinks my Blood shall dwell in me and I in him.* Therefore, O Lord, have compassion on me and do not make an example of me, your sinful servant. But do unto me according to your great mercy, and grant that these Holy Gifts may be for me healing, purification, enlightenment, protection, salvation and sanctification of my soul and body, and to the expulsion of every evil imagination, sinful deed or work of the Devil. May they move me to trust in you and to love you always, to amend and keep firm my life; and increase in me every virtue, to the keeping of your Commandments, to the communion of the Holy Spirit, and as a good defence before your Judgment Seat, and for Life Eternal in Jesus Christ. Amen. *St. Basil (died 379)*

### Prayer for the conversion of Muslims during Ramadan

God our Father, your love for sinners is demonstrated in the death of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Christ died for the world including Muslims who believe and practice a false faith. They have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. They are blind by religion and tradition and cannot see the truth revealed in Jesus Christ. Open their eyes to your truth, change their hearts to receive Christ as their only Saviour and Lord and bring them into the truth of your gospel, in Jesus' name. **Amen**

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**A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

Almighty God, hear the cry of our hearts, as we hold before you the people of the Holy Land. Be near those who have lost lives and loved ones, and be a sure rock to those who are in terror this day.

We pray that, through your Spirit of wisdom and mercy, conflict may cease and that the leaders of the nations may work together for peace and justice between Israel and Palestine, the Jews and the Arabs.

As you wept over Jerusalem, so we ask that you hear the prayers of those who weep this day for your Holy Land. Remember the innocent sufferers in Israel and Gaza – the children, the elderly and the vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER**

*I arise today,  
through God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me  
From snares of devils,  
From temptation of vices,  
From everyone who shall wish me ill,  
afar and near.*

*Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of  
everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth  
of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every  
eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears  
me. Amen*

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

*If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.*

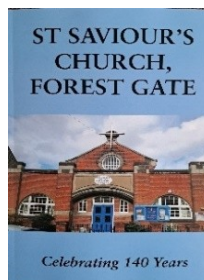


*Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.*

Doreen, Jean and Walter, Monica, **Sue** (*Daisy and family*), **Veronica** and Chester, **Dolly** and Desmond, **Jean** Murphy, **Johannah**, Pat and Ray Vincent, **Pauline** Haywood, **Muriel**, **David** Martins, **Suriyakala** Johnson, Veronica, **Monica** and daughter (**Sheryl**), Charity, Pippa, Duke, Radcliffe and Pauline, **archdeacon Elwin** and family, Andy and Anita, Una, Noel, Jacky (*Ambrose's sister-in-law*), **Maxine** Garrison and family (*for suitable accommodation*), Attlee, **Ann** and Richard (*in Wales*), **Elliot** (*friend of Jenny*), **Jake** (*Rev. Jeremy Fraser's son*), **Kianna** - Ann's (*friend of Angela*) granddaughter and her stepmum – **Lucy**...

**CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

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