

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Zoom Gathering 11th April 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

Prayer and Introduction

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!



Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

Donald Fishel ©1973 Word of God Music (played by Becky)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and is risen. *Refrain.*
3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for us all, alleluia! *Refrain.*
5. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

Reading: John 20: 19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reflection: Bishop Jo's sermon for 'Low Sunday'

https://youtu.be/dhGk7_Ble3w

Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

"The very first work that the risen Christ assigns his disciples is the forgiveness of sins. They're hiding in fear, fear from their religious identity, and Jesus calls them to set that fear aside and go out in the power of the Holy Spirit. It's a challenging mission for sure, but it is given as a gift. It's through the work of forgiveness – the experience of being forgiven AND the experience of offering forgiveness – that we will come to grasp the resurrection, that we will realise its power, that we will find evidence of the new creation. And that through believing we will have life in Jesus' name. And others may find that life too. I urge you – I exhort you – to risk it! In the power of the Holy Spirit." (extract from Bishop Jo's sermon)

Becky leads us in singing 'As we are gathered' as part of our preparation for Confession

As we are gathered, Jesus is here, one with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood, part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here, one with each other, Jesus is here.

We use this response:

When we hide in fear instead of going out in the power of your Spirit

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

When we find it difficult to believe that you forgive us in Christ

Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

When we fail to forgive others as we have been forgiven

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song: My peace I give unto you *(Becky leads us)*

My peace I give unto you,
It's a peace that the world cannot give
It's a peace that the world cannot understand
Peace to know, Peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

My joy I give unto you...

My love I give unto you...



Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Intercessions

We may use the following response:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia. **And also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

sung by St Martin's Voices Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

1 Alleluia, Alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

4 Alleluia, Alleluia,
glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty.

Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

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He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

