

# St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

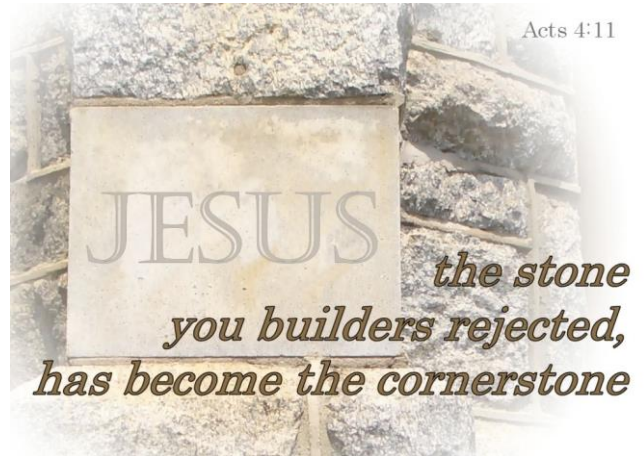
Zoom Gathering 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Prayer and Introduction

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**



## Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness ( sung by SMITF singers)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they  
fail not  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Great is thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and Winter, Springtime and  
Harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses  
above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Pardon for sin and peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand  
beside

## 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.

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.**

### **Collect**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Reading: Acts4:5-12**

**The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’**

**There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”**

### **Reflection**

#### **Song: In Christ Alone      Stuart Townsend**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## **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**

## **The Lord's 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**

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

### **Hymn: Restore O lord**

Restore, O Lord,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That all may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,  
In all the earth Your fame,  
And in our time revive  
The church that bears Your name.  
And in Your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,  
Where we are hard and cold,  
In Your refiner's fire  
Come purify the gold.  
Though suffering comes  
And evil crouches near,  
Still our living God  
Is reigning, He is reigning here.

Restore, O Lord,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That all may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

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### **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.

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

