

Lord Jesus Christ you really are the Son of God.  
I worship you in praise and adoration.  
I give myself to you right now on this day of all days.  
Equip me with the power that raised Christ from the dead to serve  
you today and all the days ahead.

In Christ's name I pray.

Amen

### **A Prayer for these troubled times:**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill,  
afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety,  
be their hope; in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*The following programmes are being broadcast over the Easter  
weekend:*

### **Good Friday**

#### **BBC2 - 3pm**

Part 1 Britain's Easter Story: Choirmaster Gareth Malone and  
conductor Karen Gibson look at the stories, music and traditions  
associated with Easter.

Part 2 is on **Sunday BBC1 at 10.10am**

### **Easter Eve**

#### **BBC2 7pm**

Easter from King's College, Cambridge

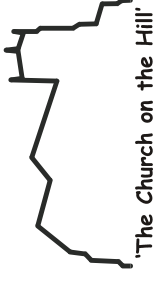
### **Easter Day**

#### **BBC1 11.25am**

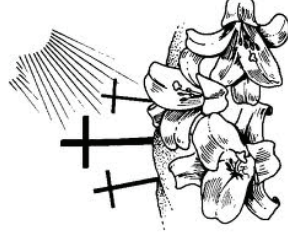
Sunday Worship with the Very Reverend Kathy Jones from  
Bangor Cathedral, Wales

#### **BBC1 1.15pm**

"Songs of Praise" presented by Katherine Jenkins from  
St Lukes, Gas Street, Birmingham



## **Easter Blessings from St Michael & All Angels**



Although we are not able to meet in these  
troubled times we, as a church, are striving to  
keep in touch with one another, to offer  
support, comfort and a listening ear.

We are now in Holy Week and are preparing to  
commemorate the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

## **Maundy Thursday 9th April**

### **Today's reading:**

**Matthew chapter 27, verses 11 - 31**

### **Collect for the day:**

Almighty and everlasting God,

Who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our  
Saviour Jesus Christ

To take upon him our flesh

And to suffer death upon the cross:

Grant that we follow the example of his patience and humility,

And also be made partakers of his resurrection;

Through Jesus Christ your son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever

Amen

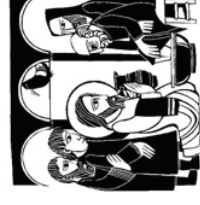
### **Prayer:**

You had nothing left but your own cloak;

You were fond of it, your mother had woven it for you.

But this too had to go.

One thing only is necessary, Lord, your cross.



Nothing comes now between you and the cross,  
You are going to be united forever with your Father,  
And together you will save the world.

And so Lord, I must give up all these trappings which hinder me and  
hide me from your sight.  
This 'possessing' which stifles the 'being' in me and separates me  
from others.

Thus, Lord, little by little everything in my life which is not an  
expression of your will must die.

Help me Lord, to give up everything which keeps from sharing in  
your love,  
Everything which prevents me from witnessing to the truth of your  
Gospel,  
Everything which prevents me from loving as you loved me.

Help me to remember Lord you gave everything so that I can have  
the free gift of eternal life.  
Amen

## Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Today's reading:**  
**Matthew chapter 27, verses 32-61**

### Collect for the day:

Almighty Father,  
Look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ  
was content to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever  
Amen

### Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We give you thanks and praise; you endured the horror of the nails,  
Piercing your hands and feet,  
The crown of thorns adorning your head,

And you bore the beating and mocking to our shame.  
May your wounds bring true healing.  
Forgive us when we do not know what we do,  
When we betray you,  
When we fail you.  
We ask you Lord to restore us in your saving glory.  
Amen

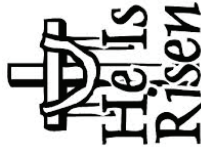
## Easter Eve 11th April

**Today's Reading: Psalm 31**

## Easter Day 12<sup>th</sup> April – He is Risen ALLELUIA

### Today's reading:

**Matthew chapter 28, verses 1-10**



### Collect for the day:

Lord of all 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

### Prayer: "I know that my redeemer lives – alleluia"

I worship you Lord Jesus Christ, for this amazing fact: that you  
came back to life and are alive right now.

Amidst all the questions I still have about life and about what is  
happening in the world, one certainty rings out: **CHRIST IS RISEN.**  
The immortal One has died for all sin and for all sinners in every  
time and place.  
Christ has been brought back to life: the most thrilling victory of all  
time!