



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

Eastertide

MORNING WORSHIP

The congregation's responses are in bold

Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Almighty God, Your son opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

The first commandment is this, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

Collect

The Collect for today can be found on the front of the news sheet.

New Testament Reading

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Gospel is announced

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel

At the end of the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymn

During the hymn you may like to make an electronic donation to the work of the Parish: St Peter & St Paul Ewhurst Acc: 16342606 sort code: 09-01-55

Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer;
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers;
Merciful father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Dismissal

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.