

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**

*Alleluia Christ is risen!*

*He is risen indeed!*

*Alleluia*

**Thought for the day**  
**Through the risen Jesus**  
**we have a living hope**  
**which will never spoil or fade**

Lord we pray that we may make each day of our earthly life worthy of your great sacrifice on the cross. Thank you that we can find sanctuary in your love, because you have chosen to love us just as we are, with all our faults and failings Amen  
From 'Dear Lord' a Mother's Union collection of prayers

**Collect.** *A prayer set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**The Acts of the Apostles ch 2.14a, 22–32**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,  
'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you

yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

**Psalm 16**

**O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, my good above all other.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.**

**The first letter of Peter. ch 1. v3–9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Ch 20.19-31**

When it was evening on 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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

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.'

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.' 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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 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.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

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.

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

*Prayers - please add your own petitions and asking prayers*

We bring to you Lord, the Church in all its richness and all its need; all its diversity and all its division. We ask that you give us a fresh understanding of what it means to live in you.

**Lord we lift our hearts to you**

We bring to you Lord our country and government in this time of crisis. We ask your guidance in all the difficulties, doubts and insecurities.

**Lord we lift our hearts to you**

We invite you into our homes and we ask your blessings on our families and friends .

**Lord we lift our hearts to you**

We bring to you those who are ill physically, mentally or spiritually all who need your healing, We ask for them refreshment and hope.

**Lord we lift our hearts to you**

We bring to you with special thanksgiving, those who offer their lives and risk their safety to care for all in need.

**Lord we lift our hearts to you**

We bring to you the dying, especially those who are unprepared to meet you. We place in your care those who have died. In your mercy bring comfort to those who are grieving.

**Lord we lift our hearts to you**

We bring to you Lord, the love of our hearts As we recall the extent of your love for us which understands our frailty and reaches out to us wherever we may be .

**Lord we lift our hearts to you. Help us always to honour and worship your name. Amen**

*A prayer from Elizabeth - asking that a new priest may be found to lead our parishes forward.*

Almighty God,  
Whose Son, Jesus Christ, Is the great high priest, ever living to intercede for us.  
Hear the prayer of your people  
And send to the churches of our Benefice  
A priest after your own heart,  
Who shall faithfully and wisely exercise the cure of souls, To the good of your holy church  
And the glory of your name.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord . Amen

**Prayer of St Richard of Chichester 1240ad**

**Thanks be to you , our Lord Jesus Christ,  
For all the benefits you have given to us,  
The pains and insults you have borne for us.  
Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
May we know you more clearly,  
Love you more dearly,  
And follow you more nearly  
Day by day. Amen**

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