



Morning Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th April 2021 at 10.00 (call in from 9.45)

To join by phone call 0330 336 0036 and use PIN 586191.

To join this service by Zoom please email office@stpeterstiverton.org.uk.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All **Let heaven and earth rejoice.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus says, 'Come to me,
all you who are weary and burdened
and I will give you rest.'

In worship, let us come to the one who offers peace and rest.

**Lord God, whose arms are always open to us,
we come before you today
with hearts and minds open to receive your teaching.
Lead us to understand who you are and what you have done,
and what you require of us as witnesses.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Easter Anthems

¹ Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All **So let us celebrate the feast,**

² Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

All **But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

³ Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

All **Death has no more dominion over him.**

⁴ In dying he died to sin once for all:

All **In living he lives to God.**

⁵ See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

All **And alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Romans 6: 9 – 11

⁶ Christ has been raised from the dead:

All **The first fruits of those who sleep.**

⁷ For as by man came death:

All **By man has come also the resurrection of the dead;**

⁸ For as in Adam all die:

All **Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 22

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

All **As it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayer

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us.
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples
with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**² How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

**⁴ Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.**

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.

**⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”
Let the light of your face shine on us.**

⁷ Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.
⁸ **In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever more shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Luke 24: 36b – 48

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord God who has called us to faith,
in faith we pray for the needs of others.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

Today, we pray for our Queen. In her loss and her grief may she find comfort in the companionship of others, support from family and friends, and strength in her faith in God and life eternal. For all of the Royal family in their grief and change of circumstance, and in their support and upholding of each other.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

For all who grieve for the loss of loved ones, family or friends, near or far away. In their loss, in their grief, in their solitude may they find a calm centre and be upheld by their faith, their friendship and their neighbours.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

For those whose bodies are ravaged by pain and illness, by disfigurement and disability. For those fearful of treatment and those waiting for treatment.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

We pray for those of faith and those of no faith, for those with purpose and those with no purpose in life. For those who have a clear direction and those who flounder uncertain for life in all its complexities. For those whose mental health causes them pain, anguish, confusion and loneliness, for those who feel abandoned, unwanted, unloved and un-helped.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

For countries at war with other countries and within themselves, for their people who fear for their lives and stability, for those made homeless and jobless and offered nothing but an uncertain future. For those countries where violence comes all too easily to the fore and where it is hard to grasp the real reason behind it. Remembering countries at war where their people are damaged, isolated, abused, for Myanmar, Ethiopia, Mozambique and closer to home for the people of Ireland and Northland Ireland, for Catholics and Protestants, those of faith and those of none.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

For Christians trying to work out the best way to live out their lives, true to their faith, to the Gospel, to their calling. Help us to catch a wider more inclusive vision of the needs of the world and its people.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

For countries with surging Covid cases, for those with poor infrastructure and resources, for countries with little PPE and no vaccines and no realistic prospect of national immunisation. For those engaged in trying to resolve such issues.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

For ourselves we pray that our ears may be used to hear the cries of the needy, that our eyes be used to see the needs around us, that our voices be used to speak up for the marginalised and the poor, that our hands be used to reach out in comfort and that our lives be used to improve the lives of others.

For the world and its people,

Lord, we pray.

Amen.

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Blessing

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you
this day and always.

All **Amen.**

Sending Out

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

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What's On This Week?

Wed 21st April at 10.30 am: Coffee Morning Online

To join the coffee morning on Zoom, please email office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org or office@stpeterstiverton.org.uk for details.

Easter Online and Easter Trail

Our online celebration of Easter and the video of the Exe Valley Easter Trail both remain available on the Exe Valley Mission Community website <https://www.exevalleychurches.org>. Click on *Resources* and then on *Videos*. Our thanks go to Stephen Roche and all who contributed.

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