

Morning Prayer for Easter Day

Sunday 4th April 2021 at 10.00 (call in from 9.45)

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

For details of how to join this service on Zoom, please email office@stpeterstiverton.org.uk.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

All **Faithful One, whose word is life:**

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,

and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect

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.

All Amen.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them:

“I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
there is no end to his greatness.

All **One generation shall praise your works to another,
and shall declare your power.**

All creation praises you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**All They declare the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your mighty power.**

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**All Let every living thing bless his holy name
for ever and ever.**

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

Cf. Psalm 145: 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 21

Mark 16: 1 – 8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **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.**

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Father, we praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus
Christ from the dead.

Shed his glorious light on all Christian people, that we may live
as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Jesus, Lord of life:

in your mercy, hear us.

We pray for those who at this season are receiving in baptism your Son's new life by water and the Spirit.
Dying with Christ, may they know the power of his resurrection.
Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

We pray for all whom we know and love, both near and far.
May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord.
Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer pain and anguish, and who stand in need of your strength and healing today, especially...
Bring them your healing, and fill them with your peace.
Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

We remember before you all who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially...
Unite us with them in your undying love.
Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind:
grant that, by faith in him who suffered on the cross and rose again on the third day,
we may triumph in the power of his victory.
Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All **He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

All **He has brought us out of darkness.**

He has made us light to the world.

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

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.**

**All God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
and by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ
you have brought us back again into your love.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

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What's On This Week?

Easter Online

Our online celebration of Easter is still available. Find it 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.

Wed 24th March 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.

Time Off

Steph and Robert are taking some time off this week. They will be back next Sunday for Morning Prayer on conference call and Zoom at 10.00 am and for services at St Peter's Tiverton at 11.00 am and Loxbeare church at 11.15 am (book your place at Loxbeare via the Exe Valley office).

Giving

To give to the Exe Valley Mission Community by BACS, please use account number 54731690 and sort code 60-21-27 and specify the reference *EVMC services*.

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