



Morning Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 2nd May 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

O Lord, open our lips:

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All **Let heaven and earth rejoice.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**



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.**

1 Corinthians 5: 7b – 8

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.**

Word of God

Acts 8: 26 –40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to

Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Psalm 22: 24 – 31

All **All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly,
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!'

All **All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

All **All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

All **All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

John 15: 1 – 8

Jesus said, ¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We pause to reflect on God's Word

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed; and for the whole people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord in word and deed.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. We pray for all who live in despair and darkness and the fear of death that they may find the hope and light of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that all people may receive the good news of Christ's victory: We pray for prisoners and captives, and all who face an uncertain future.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that all born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of the resurrection, and grow into the fullness of their calling in Christ.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that all who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ. We pray especially for...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ. We give thanks especially for the lives of...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend this world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God this day.

All **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.**

Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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What's On?

Wed 5th May 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.

Thu 13th May: Ascension Day

8.00 am: Holy Communion at St Peter's, Tiverton
10.30 am: Holy Communion at St Catherine's, Withleigh (book via the Exe Valley Mission Community Office)
11.00 am: Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Tiverton

Thu 13th – Sun 23rd May: Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations took part last year. *Thy Kingdom Come* runs between Ascension and Pentecost. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Watch out for more details soon.

Sun 23rd May: Picnic for Pentecost, weather permitting.

Join us in Calverleigh churchyard at 12.30 pm, as we celebrate Pentecost. Bring a picnic and bring your own chair. Park in the Village Hall car park.

Giving

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