

Morning Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 24th April 2022 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

The 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!

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.

Come, let us find the risen Lord.
Come with your whole self,
with your worries and your successes,
your fears and your joys,
your questions and your answers.
Come, all who are excited and all who are anxious.
Come, all who are confident and all who are searching.
God will meet us here.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Revelation 1: 4-8

⁴ John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 14-29

**All I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.

**All I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.**

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.

All **I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.**

28 You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

All **I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.**

Saving God,
open the gates of righteousness,
that your pilgrim people may enter
and be built into a living temple
on the cornerstone of our salvation,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

John 20:19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw

the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.”

²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ 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.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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 word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

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.

The Collect

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.

All **Amen.**

The 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.

The 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 **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

Wed 27 April at 10.30: Coffee Morning

I am looking forward to seeing you at the coffee morning this week.

Coffee Morning on 4 May will be at the Red Lion Oakford. Please contact Sally Mundy or Dawn Williams if you would like to come or if you need a lift.

Giving

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

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