

***Morning Prayer  
Easter Season  
Sunday, 19 April 2020  
The Second Sunday of Easter***

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

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

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**All** let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

*One or more of the following is said or sung:*

*this or another prayer of thanksgiving*

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.

*a suitable hymn, or the Easter Anthems*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ◆  
so let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ◆  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ◆  
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: ◆  
in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ◆  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Romans 6.9-11*

Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death: ♦  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

for as in Adam all die: ♦  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*1 Corinthians 15.20-22*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

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

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### *Psalmody*

*The appointed psalmody is said.*

*Psalm 81.1-10*

*Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.*

Sing merrily to God our strength, ♦  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Take up the song and sound the timbrel, ♦  
the tuneful lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, ♦  
as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.

For this is a statute for Israel, ♦  
a law of the God of Jacob,

The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, ◆  
when they came out of the land of Egypt. *R*

I heard a voice I did not know, that said: ◆  
'I eased their shoulder from the burden;  
their hands were set free from bearing the load.

'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you; ◆  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and proved you at the waters of Meribah.

'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: ◆  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

'There shall be no strange god among you; ◆  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

'I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up from the land of Egypt; ◆  
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.' *R*

*Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.*

*Father of mercy,  
keep us joyful in your salvation  
and faithful to your covenant;  
and, as we journey to your kingdom,  
ever feed us with the bread of life,  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.*

*1 Peter, 1. 3-9*

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.

### ***Canticle***

***The Song of Moses and Miriam, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 23 \(page 574\)](#) or [number 32 \(page 583\)](#), may be said***

#### ***Refrain:***

***All*** In your unfailing love, O Lord,  
you lead the people whom you have redeemed. Alleluia.

I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously, ◆  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song ◆  
and has become my salvation.

This is my God whom I will praise, ◆  
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.

The Lord is a warrior, ◆  
the Lord is his name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power: ◆  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; ◆  
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

In your unfailing love, O Lord, ◆  
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

And by your invincible strength ◆  
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, ◆  
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

*Exodus 15.1b-3, 6, 10, 13, 17*

***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 for ever. Amen.

***All*** In your unfailing love, O Lord,  
you lead the people whom you have redeemed. Alleluia.

## ***Scripture Reading***

***One or more readings appointed for the day are read.***

***The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.***

***John 20, 19– end***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.

He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.” 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.

*A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow*

Death is swallowed up in victory.

**All Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**All Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound  
and the dead shall be raised.

**All Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep,  
but we shall be changed.

**All Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

*from 1 Corinthians 15*

### ***Gospel Canticle***

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,  
or [The Song of Christ's Glory \(page 619\)](#) may be said*

***Refrain:***

**All The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ◆  
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ◆  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old ◆  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors, ◆  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**Refrain:**

**All The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

**The Sermon** The Reverend Mother Yejide Peters

## **Prayers**

**Intercessions are offered**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, John Archbishop of York; Michael our Diocesan Bishop and Sara,  
our Area Bishop; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

**Silence**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; we pray for our Sovereign Lady Queen  
Elizabeth, our Prime Minister Boris Johnson, all Ministers of Parliament, and all who govern and hold  
authority in this and every land.

Pray for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

***Silence***

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those who working on the front lines, Dr. Trevor Hunt, Dr. Susan Kelly, Dr Sade Hendricks, especially all those working with the NHS and other key workers.

We pray especially for those who have asked the prayers of this benefice: for Chris Cheshire, Cathryn, Emma, Malcolm Booth, Jessica, Laverne, Maureen, Rachel, Jubilee, Lara, McKell, Baby Isabella, Casey

***Silence***

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

***Silence***

I ask your prayers for those who have died. We pray for the departed especially Brion Wong, Jan Green (née Jenkins), Joanna Nichols, Beryl Babel, and Pamela Joy Owens. For the families of those that have died: The Wong family, the Jenkins family, the Nichols family, the Babel family, the Owens family, the Barker family

We also pray for those have died from COVID-19. Pray for all who have died and for those they leave to mourn.

***Silence***

We also pray for those who are remembered especially this week for Margaret Bromley, Michael Charlesworth, Colin Blomfield, Barbara Law, Cynthia Parker

***Silence***

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honoured. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

***Silence may be kept.***

***The Collect of the day is said***

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 is said***

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.

***(or)***

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **The 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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