

# WORSHIP - EASTER SUNDAY - 4 APRIL 2021

Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am (and 6 pm at St Edmund's), and we meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

## Lighting of the Easter Candle

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**  
Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn - Jesus Christ is risen today - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sj9ljVsfk>

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbziz>

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the 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.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
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.  
Glory to God in the highest.

## The 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.  
Amen.

New Testament reading - Acts 10.34-43 - *is printed on the blue notic sheet*

Hymn - Now the green blade rises - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVduV0ustWw>

Gospel - Mark 16.1-8 - *is printed on the blue notic sheet*

Address - *a sermon from Peter is on the website*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem – Hallelujah from ‘Messiah’ – G.F. Handel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUZEtvbJT5c>

Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;  
and he shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah.

## Prayers of Intercession, led by Michèle Aspinall

Today we celebrate the joy and mystery of the first Easter morning. We are reminded of the initial uncertainty of Jesus’ followers, their ‘terror and amazement’ leading to the dawning realisation that He has defeated death. Easter offers an opportunity to explore the truth of the wonderful mystery that is at the very heart of our Christian story. Through our church community, may we learn to reach out to others and share the good news.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the work of St. Edmund’s, St. Matthew’s and all churches in the diocese of Derby; for Peter, Bishop Libby, Bishop Malcolm and all clergy as they carry out your work in these uncertain times. Give them strength as they minister to the needs of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

During the last year, we have witnessed the extraordinary ability of scientists across the world to create vaccines against Covid-19 in record time. Help us to ensure that the vaccination programme is spread more evenly around the world. We have seen the speed with which technology can come to our aid and pray that the same skills may be applied to common diseases which are mostly experienced by the world's poorest people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need: those who suffer; the poor, the distressed, the lonely, the unemployed, the sick, and those who care for them. Comfort and heal all who are troubled. Give them a firm trust in your goodness. We remember too, those who have died and those who mourn. Bring us all into the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the week ahead. Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And we pray, as Jesus taught us: **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.**

Hymn - Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRWhlKcJw9U>

### **The Blessing**

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Final music - Toccata, *Widor* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VmiBbOxxis&t=1s>

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