

WORSHIP - 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 11 APRIL 2021

Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am 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.

We start by remembering Prince Philip, and holding Her Majesty The Queen, her family, and the nation in our prayers. There are prayers at <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Hymn - The strife is o'er - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAyi64eagTI>

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung;
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee,
Alleluia!

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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=pHEm0Dbzizs>

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

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. Amen.

New Testament reading - Acts 4.32-35 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - Love's redeeming work is done - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsPsuTkNz4c>

Gospel - John 20.19-end - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *sermons from Peter and Clive are 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 – Anthem – God so loved the world - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5Akz6J8Rw0>

Words from John 3.16-17, Music: John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

Prayers of Intercession

A week after Easter and, while we know that Christ is risen, it is not easy to see what difference that has made. We are tired of being socially distanced, of worshipping through masks or through screens, we want to sit and chat and hug and be normal again. We are confused, tired and frightened and generally fed up. Even the weather seems confused, and Easter joy seemed in short supply, even before Friday's news. Forgive us, Lord, that we are all finding life tough. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the life of Prince Philip. For his dedication to Her Majesty, his dedication to public service, his dedication to so much that matters – his work for the environment, his support for the Commonwealth, for industry, for education, for young people, for so much that has been good and positive. We cannot imagine what it must be like to live your life in the public gaze, the focus of criticism and anger – and we pray especially for Her Majesty and all the members of her family as they mourn in the public gaze. So many people have experienced death and bereavement in the last year, so many have had to mourn with so many limitations – we pray for those whose job it is to organise his funeral in these Covid times. We ask for your peace and blessing as we commend him to God. We give thanks for your promise that you are the resurrection and the life, that Easter transforms everything. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We know that at this stage after Easter the disciples must also have been feeling confused, tired and frightened. Most of them had seen the Risen Christ, but what did it mean? Thomas had not – he could not believe. Thank you Lord that they stayed together, there were there for each other, and their faith was rewarded. May we learn from them, support and love each other. We pray for our churches, for those with whom we worship, for those we have not seen for ages, for our work and mission together. We pray for our friends in Allestree Churches Together, for the life of this diocese, for our bishops, Libby and Malcolm. pray that we, that our Churches, may speak of faith, resurrection, and the future – that we may not just remember the past. We pray too for Adam and Billie as they prepare for their wedding at St Edmund's on Saturday – and we ask your blessing on them both. May they have a long and happy marriage.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country, for our leaders at National and local level. We pray for the easing of restrictions tomorrow, for all who are excited by the prospect, for those who are frightened, and those who are so tired. We pray for care, for realism, for love and understanding. We think of those whose job it is to make sure we move forward safely, for all businesses, organisations, groups and individuals as we move into whatever the new normal will be. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our health services. For many who are scared at where the loosening of restrictions will lead. For those who are caring for seriously ill and dying people – the news that “only 50 have died”, or the focus on a man of 99, is no consolation if your loved one is one of the 50, or has died too young. For all who continue to battle this disease. We pray for our friends in hospital, for all undergoing medical treatment.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We know that Covid is not the only battle being fought. We think of the scenes from Mozambique, Myanmar, and closer to home in Northern Ireland. Lord, petrol bombs and water cannons are images we thought we would never see again. We pray for young people seduced by the excitement of violence and the encouragement of others, we pray for so many people who want to keep the peace they worked so hard to achieve, and we pray for politicians who seem to have learned so little about how peace needs to be constantly worked for. We pray for calm, wise heads, for a way forward that brings communities together. There is evil

that needs to be fought, we ask for your strength. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember Prince Philip and all those who have died, we give thanks for the promise of resurrection. Help us, Lord, to have faith as we journey in Easter light. 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 - Will you come and follow me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zk6IUalJ3sk>

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 - Elegy, George Thalben-Ball - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nILjFfvbDe4>

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