

Worship at Home

Sunday, 31st March 2024

Easter Day

Epistle Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 43

Gospel Reading: Mark: 16: 1 – 8

Greeting:

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn:

(Click link)

Christ the Lord is risen today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztugxlfwP4c>

Proclamation:

Jesus is Alive!

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Praise the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ,

he has given us new life and hope by

raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own:

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Prayer:

Almighty God, thank you that through

Jesus you opened up a new way

into your presence.

Give us new hearts and unending

desire to worship you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm: 118: 14 – 24

The LORD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Song: See What a Morning
(Click link) <https://youtu.be/lpBKBdYj8O0>

Invitation to Confession:

Jesus Christ has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away
all hatred and wickedness by confessing
our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Confession:

Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Absolution:

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.

Gloria in Excelsis:

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.
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.
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.

Reading 1: Acts 10: 34 – 43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 16: 1 – 8

The Resurrection of Jesus

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Rev'd Peter Begley
(Click link) <https://youtu.be/BQBdK9NZEQw>

Song: How deep the Father's love for us
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzQj7XvKFmA>

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us and
those we know and love with
the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who

lack food, work or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and
famine may cease through all the world ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your only son
our saviour, Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Collect:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
Fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to
life is open in our saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we
offer to God and give Him thanks.*

Song: Thine be the glory
(Click link) <https://youtu.be/Sk0XVT1Cmb8>

Blessing:

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight;

... and the blessing of God almighty;
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you,
and those whom you love,
now and forever.
Amen.

Happy Easter!