

# St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Easter Sunday

Welcome to our “Hybrid” Easter Sunday Service. In whatever way you are joining us, via Zoom, or in-person here in the Church, we pray that you may be able to experience the presence of God and the joy of the resurrection this morning.

Today is a day of great joy. Christ is risen! He is alive and always with us. Nothing can ever separate us from his love, not even death, for Christ has brought us life eternal. So let us come together and celebrate this happy day.

Please join in with the words in **bold** print.

## The Service of Light

Christ yesterday and today,

**All the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;

**All to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*As the Paschal Candle is lit we say together*

**All May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

The light of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Hymn: Praise to the Holiest (572)

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.**

**And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

### **Gloria**

**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.  
Amen.**

### **Collect**

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory.

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 stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

### **Reading: (Acts 10.34-43)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak: "I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. Those who fear him and do what is right are acceptable to him, no matter what race they belong to. You know the message he sent to the people of

Israel, proclaiming the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know of the great event that took place throughout the land of Israel, beginning in Galilee after John preached his message of baptism. You know about Jesus of Nazareth and how God poured out on him the Holy Spirit and power. He went everywhere, doing good and healing all who were under the power of the Devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of everything that he did in the land of Israel and in Jerusalem. Then they put him to death by nailing him to a cross. But God raised him from death three days later and caused him to appear, not to everyone, but only to the witnesses that God had already chosen, that is, to us who ate and drank with him after he rose from death. And he commanded us to preach the gospel to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God has appointed judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets spoke about him, saying that all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven through the power of his name.”

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

### **Psalm 118**

**Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good,  
and his love is eternal.**

**Let the people of Israel say,  
“His love is eternal.”**

**The Lord makes me powerful and strong;  
he has saved me.**

**Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the tents of God's people:**

**“The Lord's mighty power has done it!  
His power has brought us victory—  
his mighty power in battle!”**

**I will not die; instead, I will live  
and proclaim what the Lord has done.**

**He has punished me severely,  
but he has not let me die.**

**Open to me the gates of the Temple;  
I will go in and give thanks to the Lord!**

**This is the gate of the Lord;  
only the righteous can come in.**

**I praise you, Lord, because you heard me,  
because you have given me victory.**

**The stone which the builders rejected as worthless  
turned out to be the most important of all.**

**This was done by the Lord;  
what a wonderful sight it is!**

**This is the day of the Lord's victory;  
let us be happy, let us celebrate!**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia.**

## Gospel: (John 20 : 1 - 18)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) Then the disciples went back home.

Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her. She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!"

Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?" She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned toward him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This means "Teacher.")

"Do not hold on to me," Jesus told her, "because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God."

So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Talk

## Hymn: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim (716)

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

## Profession of Faith

And so we join in professing our faith together.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith; we believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Intercessions

*Between the prayers we say*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayers we say*

Merciful God, accept our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

## The Peace

Our Lord Jesus Christ offers us his peace, and calls us to share the joyful news of his risen life with all whom we meet.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All** and also with you

*We offer a socially distanced sign of peace to one another*

## Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (573)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do  
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the 'Amen'  
sound from His people again;  
gladly for ay we adore him.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St. Christopher and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**



## Distribution of Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*If you wish to receive holy communion please stand*

The body of Christ

**All** Amen

*Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church.*

## Chant: Laudate Dominum (933)

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum  
omnes gentes alleluja.

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## Prayer of Spiritual Communion (for Private Prayer)

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

## Closing Prayer

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen

## Notices

### Commission

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.  
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,  
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**All Amen.**

### Hymn – Jesus Christ is Risen Today (348)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'ly king, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. alleluia!**

## The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
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 among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## The Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

***If you are in the church, please stay in your place until  
you are directed by a steward to leave the building.***

*There are no longer any rules about wearing masks.  
We encourage you to wear a mask when walking around,  
However, it is a matter of personal preference.*

*The general principle of remaining socially distanced  
(minimum of 2m) from anyone not in your household  
is a great defence against spreading COVID.*

*Please respect that others may not be comfortable with close contact.*

***If you feel unwell during the week, please ring 07824 323815  
so that we can contact others who were here today.***

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