# Easter - April 20, 2025

#### WELCOME The Lord be with you And also with you

# ACCLAMATION

On the first day of the week, the disciples went to the tomb and they found the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. Alleluia, Alleluia

#### Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Eternal God and Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead: with the whole company of your people in heaven and on earth we rejoice and give thanks that he who was dead is alive again and lives forever more; that he is with us now and always, and that nothing can part us from your love in him; that he has opened the way to your kingdom and brought us the gift of eternal life.

All glory, praise and thanksgiving, all worship, honour and love, be yours, almighty and everlasting God, in time and for all eternity. Amen

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires know 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### PSALM 117

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup>For great is his love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord. Hallelujah

#### Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

### <u>SONG</u>

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! (61)

### **CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and he will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

#### Silence

Let us confess our sins together:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION:

May the God of love and power forgive *you* (us) and free *you* (us) from all *your* (our) sins, heal and strengthen *you* (us) by his Spirit, and raise *you* (us) to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### SONG(YouTube)

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken, I am forgiven The king of kings calls me His own Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in your name Jesus Christ, my living hope (repeat)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence, the roaring lion Declared the grave has no claim on me. Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence, the roaring lion Declared the grave has no claim on me Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa!

## READING: Acts 10:34-43

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

#### COLLECT:

Lord of 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

#### Song:

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour (378)

#### GOSPEL: Luke 24:1 – 12

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia.** He has defeated the powers of death. **Alleluia.** Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **Alleluia.** He has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.** 

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ... Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord; **Praise to you O Christ.** 

SERMON: Skit with children (Dorothea)

#### SONG:

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia. For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed. He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did show.

The angel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there." "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labours are done; Even the battle with sin is won."

Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa; tr. Howard S. Olson Tune: Tanzanian

#### SONGS (YouTube)

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His feet. My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb. The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone

O praise the name of the Lord our God O praise His name forever more For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again. O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing Son shall pierce the night. And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Thank You Jesus, thank You Jesus, (523) (Last verse) You're coming back again, and we with You shall reign, thank You Lord for loving me. You're coming back again...

#### CREED:

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles; this we have received, and this we believe. Amen

#### INTERCESSION:

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

#### PEACE

Alleluia, Christ is risen He is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Risen Christ came among his disciples and said "Peace be with you". And they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you; And also with you

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Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you will give us and all you give us here and now, we offer you our thanks and praise. Bless this offering of our money and of ourselves to be used in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### SONG (preparation of table):

Jesus remember me...

### PERSONAL PRAYER DURING COMMUNION

During communion there will be an opportunity to receive prayer and anointing with oil from a member of our prayer team. If you would like someone to pray with you, please head to the prayer corner <u>after</u> receiving communion or a blessing.

## HOLY COMMUNION (P.5-7)

Lord of life,

with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection power; through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.** 

The Lord is here His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 sins 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 saints in heaven we join our voices and sing your praises O God: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God.... (Page 5)

### The Lord's Prayer (page 6)

Jesus taught us to call God Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

Lamb of God

Draw near with faith...

#### Prayer of humble access (p7)

We do not presume...

### SONGS:

Such love, pure as the whitest snow (514) Freely, freely (129) AT YOUR FEET WE FALL, mighty risen Lord, (34)

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

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. **Amen** 

Help us, O Lord our God, to hear and obey your call to us, as those who have been raised with Christ, to seek the things that are above where Christ is, seated at your right hand; that our thoughts may be set on heavenly things, not on the things of this earth, and we may be partakers of his risen life until we are manifested with him in glory. We ask it in his name. **Amen** 

## PRAYER OF THANKS: P7,8)

Father of all...

## FINAL SONG

Thine be the glory (551)

# PRAYER AND BLESSING

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, 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;

May the blessing...

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

Go and live for Christ in the power of his resurrection.

# Thanks be to God, Amen

## NOTICES

- 1. PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET HOME WITH YOU. Use the prayers, readings and songs in your daily meditations this week.
- 2. Thanks to all those who have been contributing to the FOOD BANK with food and money. It is very appreciated.
- 3. Please take a copy of the Good News **GOOD NEWS** Evangelistic Newspaper Bood read.
- Annual General Meeting Sunday May 11 at 12noon. <u>Please remember reports to be</u> <u>sent to Cornelius by April 27</u>
- 5. **Remember your Lent Project is due today.** Thanks for your generosity.
- 6. Cornelius will be off this week to rest. No morning prayers this week.
- Young Christians Together meet Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30pm. Please pray for this fellowship.
- 8. Please remember to subscribe and use the

**bell** if you use YouTube in

your morning and evening prayers.

- Friday fortnight bible Study on zoom every other Friday from 7:30
- Tuesday evening Bible Study each week on zoom from 8pm. ALL ARE INVITED

9. Church of England daily prayer: <u>https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-</u> <u>worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer</u>

### Prayer of preparation to come to the table.

O Lord, I know that I am unworthy to receive your Holy Body and Precious Blood; I know that I am guilty, and that I eat and drink condemnation to myself, not discerning the Body and Blood of Christ my God. But trusting in your loving-kindness I come unto you because you have said: He who eats my Body and drinks my Blood shall dwell in me and I in him. Therefore, O Lord, have compassion on me and do not make an example of me, your sinful servant. But do unto me according to your great mercy, and grant that these Holy Gifts may be for me healing, purification, enlightenment, protection, salvation and sanctification of my soul and body, and to the expulsion of every evil imagination, sinful deed or work of the Devil. May they move me to trust in you and to love you always, to amend and keep firm my life; and increase in me every virtue, to the keeping of your Commandments, to the communion of the Holy Spirit, and as a good defence before your Judgment Seat, and for Life Eternal in Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Basil (died 379)

### A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Almighty God, hear the cry of our hearts, as we hold before you the people of the Holy Land. Be near those who have lost lives and loved ones, and be a sure rock to those who are in terror this day. We pray that, through your Spirit of wisdom and mercy, conflict may cease and that the leaders of the nations may work together for peace and justice between Israel and Palestine, the Jews and the Arabs. As you wept over Jerusalem, so we ask that you hear the prayers of those who weep this day for your Holy Land. Remember the innocent sufferers in Israel and Gaza – the children, the elderly and the vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

l arise today,

through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me From snares of devils, From temptation of vices, From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen

### PRAYER FOCUS:



If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you. Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.

For I am the Lord who heals you. (Ex15:26) Cast all your cares and anxieties and worries and fears upon the LORD for he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Roy and Pauline Haywood, Samuel and Pauline Bookal-Downes, Doreen, Noel Morris, Suriyakala Johnson, Attlee (and Revd Janetta), Jean and Walter, Monica, Sue (Daisy and family), Veronica and Chester, Dolly and Desmond, Jean Murphy, Pat and Ray Vincent, Muriel (and son Simon), David Martins, Veronica James, Monica and daughter (Sheryl), Radcliffe and Pauline, Andy and Anita, Una, Ann and Richard (in Wales), Kianna - (Ann's granddaughter) and her stepmum – Lucy and brother Ian, **Spencer** (Sophie's son), **Jennifer**, Kay and Calvin Brown and Michelle (in Jamaica); Ilene (Hillary's mum), Karen (Hillary's sister), Hillary, Tia (Maxine's great grandniece); Marcia (Noel's sister whose husband passed away recently), Vicky (St. James School recovering from surgery)...

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