

## **Easter 2 – April 27, 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**

### **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 133**

<sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.  
<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,  
even life for evermore.

***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***

### **SONG**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY; Hallelujah! (285)

### **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 will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins...

### ***Silence***

**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 your (our) sins, heal and strengthen you (us) by his Spirit, and raise you (us) to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **SONGS**

Celebrate, Jesus celebrate (57)

### **READING: Acts 5:17 – 32**

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

### **COLLECT:**

**Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sin 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**

### **SONG**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to The Risen Lord*  
(6)

### **The greatest day in history (YouTube)**

Death is beaten, You have rescued me,  
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.  
The empty cross, the empty grave  
Life eternal, You have won the day.  
Shout it out, Jesus is alive  
He's alive.

### **[Chorus]**

*And oh happy day, happy day  
You washed my sin away  
Oh happy day, happy day  
I'll never be the same  
Forever I am changed.*

### **[Verse 2]**

When I stand in that place  
Free at last, meeting face to face  
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine  
Endless joy, perfect peace  
Earthly pain finally will cease  
Celebrate, Jesus is alive.  
He's alive.

*[Bridge]*

Oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious way  
That You have saved me  
And oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious name

**GOSPEL: John 20:19 – end**

*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.*

**DISMISS CHILDREN**

**SERMON:** The power of the Risen Christ

**SONG**

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near

*He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives),  
Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives),  
Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King  
The Hope of all who seek Him,  
the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind

**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  
overjoyed when they saw the Lord. **Alleluia**

Christ is in our midst  
**He is and always will be**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of God's  
peace...

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**PRAYER**

**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 **after** 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 –  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**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:**

Just as I am 316

Let your living water 334

As the deer 27

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

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance  
barred: open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and  
peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

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Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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#### **Pope Francis (1936 to 2025)**

God of love and life,  
we commend to your eternal keeping  
your faithful servant Pope Francis.  
We thank you for his faithful witness  
to your resurrection life, and for his service of  
all people. Inspired by him may we, your  
Easter people, look always to the needs of  
others, especially the most vulnerable.  
Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.  
**Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF THANKS: P7,8)**

Father of all...

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND NOTICES**

#### **FINAL SONG**

God sent His Son (736)

#### **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...

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

## NOTICES

1. **Thanks to all those who have been contributing to the FOOD BANK** with food and money. It is very appreciated.
2. **Please take a copy of the Good News Newspaper.** It is a good read.  

3. **Annual General Meeting – Sunday May 11** at 12noon. Reports please!!
4. **Young Christians Together meet Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30pm.** Please continue to pray for this fellowship.
5. **Summer Parish Outing --- Clacton-on-Sea --- Sat. June 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost: £20**
6. **Confirmation with Bishop Lynn – July 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30
7. **We are hoping to replace our boiler this summer.** The total cost for this is almost £8000. If you are able to help with this cost, we would be very grateful. Thanks
8. Please remember to **subscribe and use**  
 **YouTube**  **the bell** if you use YouTube to help you in your **morning and evening prayers.**
9. **Friday fortnight BIBLE STUDY on zoom every other Friday from 7:30**
-  10. **Tuesday evening BIBLE STUDY each week on zoom from 8pm. ALL ARE INVITED**

Church of England daily prayer:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

### 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)

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## PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in our world. We pray for all people who are caught up in war and conflicts and violence. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons of war. We pray that you will break all the weapons of war and frustrate all the plans and schemes of those who seek war. We pray that you will hasten the day when you will judge between the nations and will settle all disputes among peoples. We pray for the day when they will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. We pray for the day when nation will not take up sword or guns or bombs against nation nor will they train for war anymore. We pray for the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Hasten this day O God we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

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## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

*I 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)**

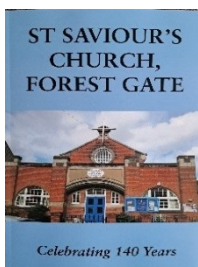
**Cast all your cares and anxieties and worries and fears upon the LORD for he cares for you.**

**(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), Comfort, Liberty (and Dawn)...**

- **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

Global Action – provides training for local pastors to minister in the community (see charity board for more information)



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