

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on Easter Sunday 31/03/24
(please have with you a candle and a flower)

Hymn

Jesus Christ is ris'n 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'nly 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!

Our candles represent the Easter Candles

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

We light our candles ...

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

Christ yesterday and today,

the beginning and the end,

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

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

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

(Matthew 28.5,6)

Our flowers represent the Easter garden:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

to you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Ah my dear Lord, open my heart to your presence;
there let us make, you and I, your Easter garden;
plant it with flowers, and let the heavy stone be rolled away.

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others. Amen.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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.

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 stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. 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.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They

have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Reflection

(Dial 01647 407047 to hear it again during the week)

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.

Intercessions

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father:

that our risen Saviour may fill us 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation we pray in the words our Saviour has 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.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

They were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Notices

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory ...*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory ...

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory ...

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Telephone Services

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Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer

Sundays at 9am: Sunday Worship – a half hour Service of the Word: hymns, readings and prayers

Church Services

Mar 31 Easter Day	Dawn <i>Walking Church</i> time and place tbc ?Ashton? 10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Family Service St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
Apr 7 Easter 2	10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Apr 14 Easter 3	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Apr 21 Easter 4	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Apr 28 Easter 5	10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
May 5 Easter 6	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
May 9 Ascension	6.00pm HC St Mary Dunsford

**May 12 Sun after
Ascension**

**10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford**

May 19 Pentecost

**10.30am HC St James Christow
10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford**

May 26 Trinity

**10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford**

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