

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 03/05/26 Easter 5

(please have with you a stone from the garden)

Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

We as living stones implore you:
come among us, Lord, today!
with your gracious loving-kindness
hear your children as we pray;
and the fulness of your blessing
in our fellowship display.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

Urbs beata Jerusalem (Latin 7th century)
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Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.

To God be glory and kingship for ever and ever.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

cf Titus 2.11

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our 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

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Readings

Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:
'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',
and
'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

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

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Spirit.

Holy, holy, holy

**is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:**

**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:**

**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'**

Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Saviour 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

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Notices

**Great God, you are one God,
and you bring together what is scattered and mend what is broken.
Unite us with the scattered peoples of the earth
that we may be one family of your children.
Bind up all our wounds and heal us in spirit,
that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ,
our Master and Saviour. Amen.**

Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**
God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. 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 ...*

Edmond Louis Budry 1854-1932

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Telephone Services

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

Church Services

May 3 Easter 5

**10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford**

May 10 Easter 6

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

May 14 Ascension

6pm MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton

May 17 Sunday after Ascension	10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford with +Moir
May 24 Pentecost	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
May 31 Trinity	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
June 7 Trinity 1	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
June 14 Trinity 2	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
June 21 Trinity 3	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
June 28 Trinity 4	10.30am MC HC St James Christow
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
July 5 Trinity 5	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
July 12 Trinity 6	10.30am MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
July 19 Trinity 7	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
July 26 St James the Apostle	10.30am MC HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Aug 2 Trinity 9	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Aug 9 Trinity 10	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Aug 16 Trinity 11	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Aug 23 Trinity 12	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Aug 30 Trinity 13	10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford

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