



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

# The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Please pray:

For the life of Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

For The Chancellor of the Diocese, the Worshipful Professor  
Mark Hill; Darren Oliver, Diocesan Registrar;

For neighbours in Barrowfield Drive.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Paul Thompson, Trevor,  
Robin, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Michael Miller, Jess, Carol, Roger Grady.

For the recently departed: Brenda Haycock

For the departed: Eileen Stiles, James Wilson, Pam Jewell, Olive Cripps,  
Denis Muggeridge

*Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.*

*Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.*

**Processional Hymn**  
*NEH 124*

- 1** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.
- 2** How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him, from death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.
- 3** From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.
- 4** Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
And at his footstool fall.
- 5** While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.
- 6** All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. **Alleluya! Amen.**

*St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028)  
Tr. Robert Campbell (1814-68)*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Penetential Rite**

*The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*After the absolution, the people are sprinkled with Holy Water.*

### **The 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, 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. Amen.**

*Mass of St Cedd, Nardone*

## **The Collect**

*We remain standing for the Collect:*

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

## **The Liturgy of the Word First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the the Apostles.

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 16 (Chant: Havergal)

- 1 Preserve me, O God \*  
for in thee have I put my trust.
- 2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord \*  
Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.
- 3 All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth \*  
and upon such as excel in virtue.
- 4 But they that run after another god \*  
shall have great trouble.
- 5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer \*  
neither make mention of their names within my lips.
- 6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup \*  
thou shalt maintain my lot.
- 7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground \*  
yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning \*  
my reins also chasten me in the night-season.
- 9 I have set God always before me \*  
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
- 10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced \*  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- 11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell \*  
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
- 12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy  
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and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\***  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

### *Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*We stand for the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus said: You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### *John 20:19-end*

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the

house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*And the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*We sit for the sermon.*

**The Creed**

*Please stand for the Creed.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was  
made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered  
death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the  
Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the  
Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We  
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look  
for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **The Intercessions**

*In the intercessions, we make the response:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

### **The Peace**

*Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*NEH 105*

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high,**

**Alleluya!**

- 2 He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!  
We too sing for joy, and say  
Alleluya!**
- 3 He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.  
Alleluya!**
- 4 He whose path no records tell,  
Who descended into hell;  
Who the strong man armed hath bound,  
And in highest heaven is crowned.  
Alleluya!**
- 5 Now he bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we too may enter heaven.  
Alleluya!**
- 6 Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, to-day thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay,  
Alleluya!**

*Michael Weisse (1480-1534)  
Tr. Catherin eWinkworth (1827-78)*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*The Invitation to Prayer is said:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church. Amen.**

*The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:*

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we say the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

**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, Hosanna in the Highest.**

*The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends*

... for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

## **Breaking of Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated host:*

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

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

*We say the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

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

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

*If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

*Please do not intinct. If you are unwell, please help us to keep those who are immunocompromised safe by refraining from taking the chalice. It is perfectly valid to receive the bread only.*

*O sons and daughters, let us sing, French trad, arr John Barnard*

**Communion Hymn**  
*NEH 389*

- 1 **Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
That radiant form of thine;  
The veil of sense hangs dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.**
  
- 2 **I see thee not, I hear thee not,  
Yet art thou oft with me;  
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot  
As where I meet with thee.**
  
- 3 **Yet, though I have not seen, and still  
Must rest in faith alone,  
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,  
Unseen, but not unknown.**
  
- 4 **When death these mortal eyes shall seal,  
And still this throbbing heart,  
The rending veil shall thee reveal  
All glorious as thou art.**

*Ray Palmer (1808-87)*

**Post Communion**

*We stand as the priest prays:*

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.**

*We pray together:*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

**The Notices**

**The Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Recessional Hymn**  
*NEH 117*

- 1 The Day of Resurrection!**  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.
  
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,**  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.
  
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,**  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes in gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

*St John of Damascus*  
*Tr. JM Neale (1818-66)*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Processional, William Mathias*

## THIS WEEK

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	
2pm - 4pm	Tea at The Good Shepherd
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	
11am	The Eucharist <i>at Chatsworth Home</i>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	
10.30am 11am 7pm	The Eucharist Worship Committee Sycamore Course
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	
11.30am	Funeral of Brenda Haycock
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
8.00am 9.15am  10.15am	The Eucharist First Holy Communion Course Parish Eucharist

## NOTICES

Mthr Alice is on holiday today.

The **organ** will be sounding a little different for the next couple of weeks. Last week a part was taken away to be restored in the workshop. There will be more information on how you might be able to contribute to the restoration work shortly.

The **Sycamore Course** starts on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm here in church. It begins with a meal, then a short film at 7.30pm followed by a discussion. It is aimed at those who are new to the Christian faith, but is open to anyone! There is a sign up sheet at the back.

**First Holy Communion** classes start on Sunday 19th April at 9.15am in the Vicarage. There is a sign up sheet at the back.

We will be starting an informal **Sunday School**. This will initially run on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in May, increasing to twice a month in September. If you are interested in helping out with this, please let Mthr Alice know.

**Brenda Haycock's funeral** will be here at The Good Shepherd on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am.

Our next **Come and Sing Choral Evensong** is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

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