

Teme Valley South Churches

A community going forward with God

2nd Sunday of Easter. April 11th 2021.

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Collect

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

First Reading **Acts 4.32-35**

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading **1 John 1.1-2.2**

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our

fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Gospel John 20.19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, 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.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the

twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 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.'

26 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.' 27 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.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 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.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 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.

***This is the Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God***

Post Communion prayer

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**

For your prayers -

-We pray that communities will continue to safely support one another, as we start to move out of the recent lockdown, particularly remembering all those who have been shielding.

-We continue to pray for all those who are affected by the Covid-19 virus, for all NHS staff and for the Scientists developing treatments and vaccines for new variants emerging.

-We give thanks for the vaccination programme taking place and pray for all Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and all those responsible for administering it in the communities.

-For all in the education system, for teachers, students and pupils and for those supporting.

-For all in businesses endeavouring to continue working with changing situations and guidelines.

-We pray for wisdom and integrity for our country, Queen, Government and for all World leaders.

And we pray for the sick, including

- Deb Ellis (Kyre)
- Terry Brown (Stoke Bliss)
- Michael Cook (Rochford)
- Bob Studer
- Andrew Cornthwaite
- Amber Beverley-Smith (Eastham)
- Joy Patten
- Tina Lord
- Rose Head

And we also pray for

- Warwick Gledhill (Rochford))
- David Spilsbury (Eastham)
- Vera Beale (Rochford)
- Alan Althorp
- Lester Pardoe
- All those who are vulnerable

Please pray for the family of the recently departed especially for the family and friends of :

- Barbara Savage
- Arthur Vobe (Jack)
- Ian Brookes

God of our lives,

we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.

We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Happenings in the Valley:

TVS services are available on Youtube and Facebook.

Rev Julia is taking her post Easter break and will be back on Tuesday 13th April

Services next week : Sunday 18th April -

- 10am Eastham - physical service
- 2pm Walking Church - physical
- 6.30pm Rochford - Hanley Childe - physical

-Daily prayers via Zoom continue throughout the week.
Morning Prayer is at 9am

Night prayer (Compline) is at 7pm each evening

-If you would like to join us in any of these prayers or if you have any requests for prayers please email Rev. Julia Curtis at the Rectory 01886 853286 or email assistanttvspcc@gmail.com

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