



# Christ is Risen

A Joint Benefice Service of the  
Word

for Easter 2 April 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

***If you have a Candle at home this can be used as a  
\*Paschal Candle.***

*Please light your Easter Candle*

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

**Amen**

***Hymn 1***

**Christ be our Light**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdqQoc>



***The Greeting*** Revd Steven Poss

***The minister greets the people and says***

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

***Opening Prayer***

**All Faithful one, whose word is life:**

**come with saving power**

**to free our praise,**

inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Prayers of Penitence* Paula

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.  
We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

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

**All Amen.**

*The Collect*

*The Collect is said.*

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.

We now sing the hymn **The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free**

## *Hymn 2*

### **The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CumpuwbWv4>

*Reading 1* read by Steven Green

### **1 John 1.1 - 2.2**

#### **he Word of Life**

**1** We write to you about the Word of life, which has existed from the very beginning. We have heard it, and we have seen it with our eyes; yes, we have seen it, and our hands have touched it. **2** When this life became visible, we saw it; so we speak of it and tell you about the eternal life which was with the Father and was made known to us. **3** What we have seen and heard we announce to you also, so that you will join with us in the fellowship that we have with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** We write this in order that our<sup>[a]</sup> joy may be complete.

#### **God Is Light**

**5** Now the message that we have heard from his Son and announce is this: God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. **6** If, then, we say that we have fellowship with him, yet at the same time live in the darkness, we are lying both in our words and in our actions. **7** But if we live in the light—just as he is in the light—then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin.

**8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. **9** But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make a liar out of God, and his word is not in us.

#### **Christ Our Helper**

**2** I am writing this to you, my children, so that you will not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. **2** And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone.

*Reading 2* read by Graham Martin

## **Acts 4.32-35**

### **The Believers Share Their Possessions**

<sup>32</sup> The group of believers was one in mind and heart. None of them said that any of their belongings were their own, but they all shared with one another everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God poured rich blessings on them all. <sup>34</sup> There was no one in the group who was in need. Those who owned fields or houses would sell them, bring the money received from the sale, <sup>35</sup> and turn it over to the apostles; and the money was distributed according to the needs of the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

We now sing the Hymn **As We Are Gathered**

*Hymn 3*

**As We Are Gathered**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zj0Eg9X0FT8&t=76s>

### *Reading 3 Gospel Reading*

**John 20.19-31** read by Revd Val White

### **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>20</sup> After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

## **Jesus and Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!"

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

## **The Purpose of This Book**

<sup>30</sup> In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these have been written in order that you may believe<sup>a</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon* by Revd Brigid Main

**Amen.**

**End**

## ***Affirmation of Faith***

*This Affirmation of Faith or an authorized Creed is used*

Let us declare our faith

in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All 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.**

We now sing the hymn **Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet**

*Hymn 4*

**Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AK1sN\\_v\\_jbw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AK1sN_v_jbw)

*Prayers of Intercession*

*Intercessions for Easter 2 lead by Revd Steven Poss*

Prayers of Intercession by Revd Steven Intercessions for the Second Sunday of Easter – 11th April 2021

In this Eastertide, we celebrate that the risen Lord reigns in the heavens above and is there for us all who turn to him. Let us now turn to him in prayer.

Risen Lord, we pray for your church across the world, for its unity and mission. We pray for more vocations, for people to serve you in these ministries. We pray for our Archbishops Justin and Stephen and for our new Bishop Guli, as she begins her ministry with us. We pray for Bishop John, Archdeacon Elizabeth and Peter our Area Dean and for your Churches here in the Dengie, that you will bless and guide us in all that we do, as we look to the new future as we hopefully recover from the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, we pray for peace in our world. We especially pray for peace in Northern Ireland, Myanmar, Syria, Yemen, and parts of Africa where there is conflict. As you spoke Peace to the disciples Lord, breathe your peace into these places, into our world and into our hearts.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, we pray for the leaders of the nations of the world that they may give priority to those with greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources. We especially pray for a fair and equitable

distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine and that all people may be confident in being vaccinated.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, we pray for our families and friends at this time and we give thanks for modern communication systems which bring our loved ones so close even when we are separated by great distances and by the Pandemic.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray that you will give them strength and courage for the adversities they face.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, we pray for ourselves, that we may know and receive your peace and your touch in our lives. Fill us with your Spirit we pray, that we may feel your loving presence with us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, we pray for those who are in need and ask you to look with pity on those who suffer, as we remember the family of Richard Okorogheye at this sad time. We especially pray for all those within our Parishes who have asked for our prayers, for:-

**Tom Clarke**

**John Fisher**

**Jo Cable**

**Gerry Lewsey**

**Sadie Russell**

**Fr Lionel Webber and Jean Webber**

**Elliott**

**Sue Wilson**

**Sarah, Diane and Den's daughter**

**Tony Grinstead**

**Richard**

**Anne Cowell** who is in hospital with broken leg a

**Eunice Siggins** who is suffering with her back.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ.

All Lord, have mercy.

**Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh** – we give thanks for his life of service to our country, our Queen and the Royal family and for the many good

works, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We pray for the Queen and the Royal family at this time.

**Rose Seabourne** who died on Easter Day.

**George Ferguson** we pray for his family at this difficult time.

**Stephen Battersby**, we pray for his brother Graham and all family and friends.

**Matthew Lee**. We pray for his parents June and Joe all Matthew's family and friends who will dearly miss him. Matthew's funeral is on Friday 30th April.

**Sally Stewart** we pray for her brother Roderic and family, and for Penny Lucas.

For the families of **Sylvia Chapman** and **Tony Hutson** whose funerals were last week and **Beryl Dixon**, who's funeral was on **Friday**.

Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

May we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever:

Lord in your mercy,

**All** hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**All** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

We now sing the Gloria

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

*This song may be said or:*

**All** 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.

*Or sung:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5ZdtCEwytM>

### *Praise*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All** He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

**All He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### *The Peace*

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

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace by sending, emailing, texting or Facebook messages to all in your congregation and the wider world that you wish to exchange peace with:*

**Blessing** Revd Steven Poss

May Christ,

who accepted the cup of sacrifice

in obedience to the Father's will,

keep us steadfast as we walk with him the way of his cross.

**Amen.**

Let us now go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### *Hymn 5*

**Hymn 5: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVufsn9RILM>

**This part of the service marks  
the death of His late Royal Highness  
THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
**All** And there shall no torment touch them.

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,  
**All** My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord  
**All** In the land of the living.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, for the love he received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Philip that clearer vision, promised to us in the same Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with your servant PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, the members of the Royal Family, this Nation and all the Nations of the Commonwealth, that casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh. Enlighten him with your holy grace and suffer him never to be separated from you, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting. May God in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace.

**All Amen**

*We now have the National Anthum*



*Prince Philip visiting the Sailing Centre at Bradwell in 1974*

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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Second Sunday After Easter**

**Notices**

**Spiritual Communion**

Topic: Spiritual Communion  
Time: Apr 11, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86562825265?pwd=ZTFtSGUrMm9kL1o2TjFFM2YzQmtKUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 6282 5265  
Passcode: 243817

**St Lawrence Virtual Coffee Meeting**

Topic: St Lawrence Virtual Coffee Meeting  
Time: Apr 14, 2021 02:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84319838903?pwd=TXQ1dzU5dENmSXRpbFMzWDRVdDRhdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 1983 8903  
Passcode: 872926

**Zoom Worship – Sunday 18 April – 10am**

Topic: Zoom Worship  
Time: Apr 18, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81577064131?pwd=NHV2UzhTUeSrVUFWbHd2RE9CQnczUT09>

Meeting ID: 815 7706 4131  
Passcode: 995432

### **Zoom Worship – Sunday 25 April – 10am**

Topic: Zoom Worship

Time: Apr 25, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89589170445?pwd=SHJla1NDcFBKNytWekNHQUhYUVZrQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 8917 0445

Passcode: 845446

### **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

Continuing from the 2020 Lent Appeal, over the next year we will be walking alongside Elema and the women of Marsabit, in our link Diocese in Kenya, as they continue to challenge the prevailing gender norms by training and equipping local people in savings schemes, literacy, numeracy and business skills. Tools that transform lives. To donate, click below:-

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6203/news/45585/bishops-lent-appeal/>

### **A Foundation Course in Pastoral Care**

Following the success of the last two Resourcing Pastoral Carers course, carried out on zoom, we are arranging another to take place starting on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Via the online Zoom App. Tuesdays from 7.00pm to 9.30pm, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in this course, please contact Revd Steven.

### **St Lawrence Virtual Coffee Meeting – Wednesday 21 April – 2.30pm**

Topic: St Lawrence Virtual Coffee Meeting

Time: Apr 21, 2021 02:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85198129823?pwd=aTVrZ0wzTEVHc3EyNkpyRG01Ynl4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 851 9812 9823

Passcode: 660072