

Evening Prayer on Sunday

26th April – Easter 4

*Welcome, Mute line *1*

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

Isaiah 49.13

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death you brought your
people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous
light may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

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.
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.
Lord, hear us and help us.

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

Absolution

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.
Amen.

Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Psalm 29. 1-10

Ezra 3. 1-13

Canticle

1 Blessed be the God and Father ♦
of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to
a living hope ♦ through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead,**

3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading, ♦ kept in heaven for you,

**4 Who are being protected by the power of God
through faith, ♦ for a salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time.**

5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of
your ancestors ♦ not with perishable things like
silver or gold

**6 But with the precious blood of Christ ♦
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.**

7 Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him
glory, ♦ so that your faith and hope are set on
God.

1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21

**Glorify to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Ephesians 2. 11-end

Responsory

Since we have died with Christ,

we believe that we will also live with him.

For we know that Christ has been raised from death:
he will never die again.

We have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that we might walk with him in newness of life.

cf Romans 6.4,8,9

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦ he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦ the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦ from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦ and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦ and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦ and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦ to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦ to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Prayers

God of love: hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 Prayer of Christ the King

Christ Our King

Fill us with your love that we may gladly speak
for you, work for you and live our whole life
for you until all join with us in endless praise
of you. **Amen**

The Collect of the day

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and
the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the
death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A time of reflection

Closing Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord
Jesus, King of glory, for in your resurrection the
power of love breaks open the earth
and frees life from death. As the angel rolled
away the stone from the prison of the tomb, so
release those imprisoned by life's misfortunes. To
you, Lord Jesus, whose life brings surprises
beyond our wildest expectations, be honour and
glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Notices; Unmute *1*

The Grace

**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.**