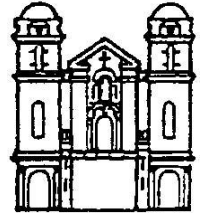


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This week at the Church of
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18 APRIL 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.
Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

The Queen and all the Royal Family following the funeral of
His Royal Highness Prince Philip

Rest In Peace

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Conceicáo Fernandes : Gwen Leather :
Marilyn Dorum : Margaret Norman
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Michael Quigley : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema : The Very Reverend Derek Hole

Welcome to St James the Greater

Sunday 18TH April 2021

10:30am

Welcome to our weekly online service. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897708742?pwd=OXV5UIBkZ2ZlYWtjMjYveVU5RjEzQT09>

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A Service of Morning Prayer For The Third Sunday Of Easter

Please join in the responses in **bold type**, but ensure your microphone is muted.

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace,
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All: **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All:

Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleansing you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy

All: and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos, you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Word of God

Acts 3. 12 – 19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and

asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 24. 36b – 48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All: **And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All: **And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

All: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said:

All:

1. **Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**
2. **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
3. **Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
4. **To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
5. **This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
6. **Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
7. **And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**
8. **To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
9. **In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**
10. **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

All:

**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.**

A sermon is preached

The Creed

All:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

At the end of each petition:

Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer**

The Collect is said.

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All:

**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 Conclusion

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to stay online for a chat – feel free to remain logged in while you make a drink!

The Vicar Writes ...

Both of our readings this week stress that all the events of, and leading up to Easter, fulfilled scripture. The resurrection was not unforeseen, the crucifixion was not a surprise, but rather had been part of God's plan, recorded in scripture, since the beginning.

I'm not a fan of glossing any misfortune, from lost keys to global pandemics as "all part of God's plan." Some suffering clearly has human choice and human failure behind it. But when it comes to the story of our redemption, it is good to remember that this was not a desperate rescue plan God needed to cobble together, but a manifestation of his eternal love for us, laid down with the foundations of the universe.



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE PHILIP Following his funeral, we continue to give thanks for the life and service of Prince Philip. A special prayer has been written to commemorate his passing, that you may wish to include as part of your daily prayers.

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.

The Church of England's online book of condolence remains open. If you'd still like to submit a message of condolence to the Royal Family, you can do this by visiting their website by clicking **here**.

Leicester Cathedral held their online service of remembrance and thanksgiving for Prince Philip last Thursday. You can still view this on the cathedral's YouTube channel **here**.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 21st April 2021

9:00pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our weekly online service of Compline for Holy Week, which this week is led by Angela Jagger at the new time of 9:00pm. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86261884141?pwd=L2Z3UFRNTVJYSW5jNWg0cFphMVV5Zz09>

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Passcode: MHauIX

A copy of the Order of Service can be downloaded from the church's website by visiting: <http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk/resources/Order%20of%20Service%20-%20Online%20Compline.pdf>

You can join in the responses, but just make sure you've muted your microphone. There will also be some parts sung by a small group from the choir and the words of the service will also be shown on screen.

ONLINE HOUSE GROUPS The next two sessions take place on Tuesday 20th April at 7:30pm, led by Alastair Jackson. As well as Monday 26th April at 2:30pm, led by Val Bailey. The next hymn to be discussed by the groups is 'Blessed Assurance'. For more details on how to join, please contact Angela Jagger at: A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk.

TEA AT THE VICARAGE Is being held again this Thursday morning, 22nd April, starting at 11:00am. You can drop in anytime between 11 and 12 for a chat and catch-up with everyone online. To join, you just need to have Zoom installed on a computer, tablet or mobile phone and use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7qmm3j>.

BIBLE STUDY Bible Study continues this coming Friday, 23rd April, at 7:00pm. This week, we'll be looking at John's Gospel – Chapter 10, verses 11 – 18. To join us, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>.

CONTACTING THE TEAM Andrew can be contacted by email at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by email at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 254 2111 and leaving a message. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 3.30pm and Sunday at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Sunday Morning Stories	Led by the Rev Kate Botley 10:30am	BBC I
Songs of Praise	Sunday – check schedule for time	BBC I

There is also a service on Radio Leicester at 8:00am on a Sunday morning

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
3. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction. It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

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