

Morning Prayer
28th April - 5th Sunday of Easter
(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)

Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.

Preparation

Give us, our Father, a sense of your presence as we gather now for worship.
Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins, and joy as we remember your love; and enable us to lift up our hearts in humble prayer and fervent praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Frank Colquhoun

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

Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins and to seek God's strength for our life of service.

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.
Amen.

The Word of God

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 22:25-end

- ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfil my vows.
- ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him - may your hearts live for ever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
- ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him - those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading: John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- 8 for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

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.

Prayers

Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for our churchwardens and other PCC officers*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Living Lord, vanquisher of sin and death,
come among us in your risen power
and make your presence known to us.
Speak your message of peace to our hearts;
show us your wounded hands and side;
and send us forth to your service
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."
The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

*Our benefice service of Holy Communion today takes place at:
Aldfield at 10.30 am;*

Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.