

Morning Prayer

4th May - 3rd 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

God of truth,
in the resurrection of your Son
you reveal to us the meaning of all things.
Increase our faith so that we may see your presence
in all that comes to us this day.
Hear us, through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.

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: Zephaniah 3:14-end

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.
¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem,
"Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.
¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."
¹⁸ "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,
which is a burden and reproach for you.
¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.
I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered shame.
²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,"
says the LORD.

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

Second reading: John 21:1-14

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

⁶ He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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 those tasked with appointing a new Pope and a new Archbishop of Canterbury

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

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.

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

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
We have received the light of Christ;
let us walk in this light all the days of our lives,
to shine as lights in the world
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

With the risen life of Christ within us,
let us go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Our services today take place at:
Mickley (BCP Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;
Grewelthorpe (Morning Worship), Kirkby Malzeard (Holy Communion) and
Winksley (Morning Worship) at 10.30 am;
Sawley (Family Service) at 4.00 pm;
Chapel of the Resurrection, Dallowgill (Lambing Service) at 6.00 pm.*

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