

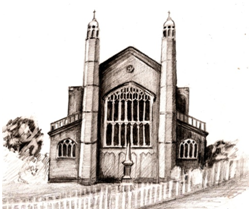
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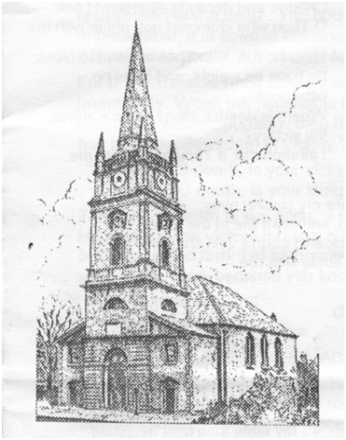
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O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

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**20200426 THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

**THE GREETING** *page 201*

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.

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**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
*P1 Amelia T*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it.

*P2 David Black*

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**CONFESSION**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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.

**THE COLLECT of THE THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

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 our Lord.

## THE FIRST READING Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

## The first reading is from Acts, chapter 2 beginning at verse 14.

*A 1 Thomas*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

*A2 Danaan*

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,[\*](javascript:void(0);) this Jesus whom you crucified.’

*A3* *Matilda*

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers,[\*](javascript:void(0);) what should we do?’

*A4 Nathan*

38Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*A5 Charlie*

39For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ 40And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’

*A6 Lyza*

41So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Eve*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 116

*Ps 1 Dan Moore*

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

*Ps 2 Cara*

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

*Ps 3 Robin*

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

*Ps 4 Sophie*  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people,

*Ps 5 Arlo*

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

## EPISTLE 1 Peter 1: 22-23

*E Harry M*

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth[\*](javascript:void(0);) so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply[\*](javascript:void(0);) from the heart.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 23You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.[\*](javascript:void(0);)

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Eve*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Luke 24: 13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[\*](javascript:void(0);) from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad.[\*](javascript:void(0);) 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ 19He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth,[\*](javascript:void(0);) who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.[\*](javascript:void(0);) Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ 25Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah[\*](javascript:void(0);) should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us[\*](javascript:void(0);) while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** *with Mr Ian Moore*

**SERMON** *Canon Joyce Moore*

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*C1 Danaan’s sister*

We believe that God is our father in heaven

We believe that He made the world

We believe that He gives us life

We believe that He helps us grow.

*C2 Ethan*

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God

and the Son of Mary

*C3 Kevin*

Jesus shows us that God is love

Jesus lived and died for us

Jesus is alive now, alive in everyone.

*C4 Kevin*

We believe in the Holy Spirit

Who helps us to love others

Who makes us holy

who helps us know God better

*C5 Abigail*

We believe in God's family, the Church

We believe that we will have eternal life.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray to the Father, through the Son, who is close to us always.

*I1 Amelia M*

God our Father, we pray for our world: it seems as if our world has come to a stop, that many the things we enjoyed are forbidden.

*I2 Jane B*

Help each of us to behave responsibly, with justice and in peace, so that our world may be restored.

*I3 Rogan*

We pray for our church, even though our church doors are closed, remind us that we can worship you where ever we are.

*I4 Tadhg*

We give thanks for the courage of all who go to work so that the sick may be tended, the hungry fed and the unseen corners cleaned. Holy Spirit, encourage and protect them.

*I5 Saffron*

We give thanks for the leaders of nations whose wisdom and courageous decisions have saved the lives of many. Bring wisdom to the few whose foolishness needlessly risks the lives of vulnerable people. Holy Spirit, strengthen, protect and enlighten us all.

*I6 Thomas*

We hold before you all who are ill in mind or body or spirit. We pray for all who live in fear, all who are prisoners because of isolation, addiction, injustice or their own poor choices. Risen Lord Jesus, stand among them, bring them peace and healing.

*I7 Lily*

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in faith and we pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom.

*Richard*

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

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*Iain*

**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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

How can I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people *Psalm 116: 12 - 14*

**THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour, thanks and praise be given to you at all times and in all places. Lod, Holy Father, true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal Word, through whom you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

For he is the true Passover Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored to us eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful Father, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pay that we who eat and drink them in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, in obedience to our Saviour Christ in remembrance of his death and passion my be partakers of his body and his blood, who, on the night he was betrayed took bread; and wen he ahvd given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take eat, ‘This is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, Drink form this, all of you, This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup, we do as our Saviour has commanded: we celebrate the redemptions he has won for us; we proclaim his perfect sacrifice, made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and we look for his coming to fulfil all things according to you will.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, united us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father almighty, in song so never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are your for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *page 218*

As our Saviour Christ has 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world, Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

**THE COMMUNION**

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Father of all, we give you thank and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give life to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all you children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name through Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

The God of peace who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those that you love, this day and for ever more. **Amen**.