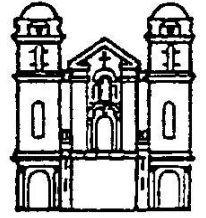


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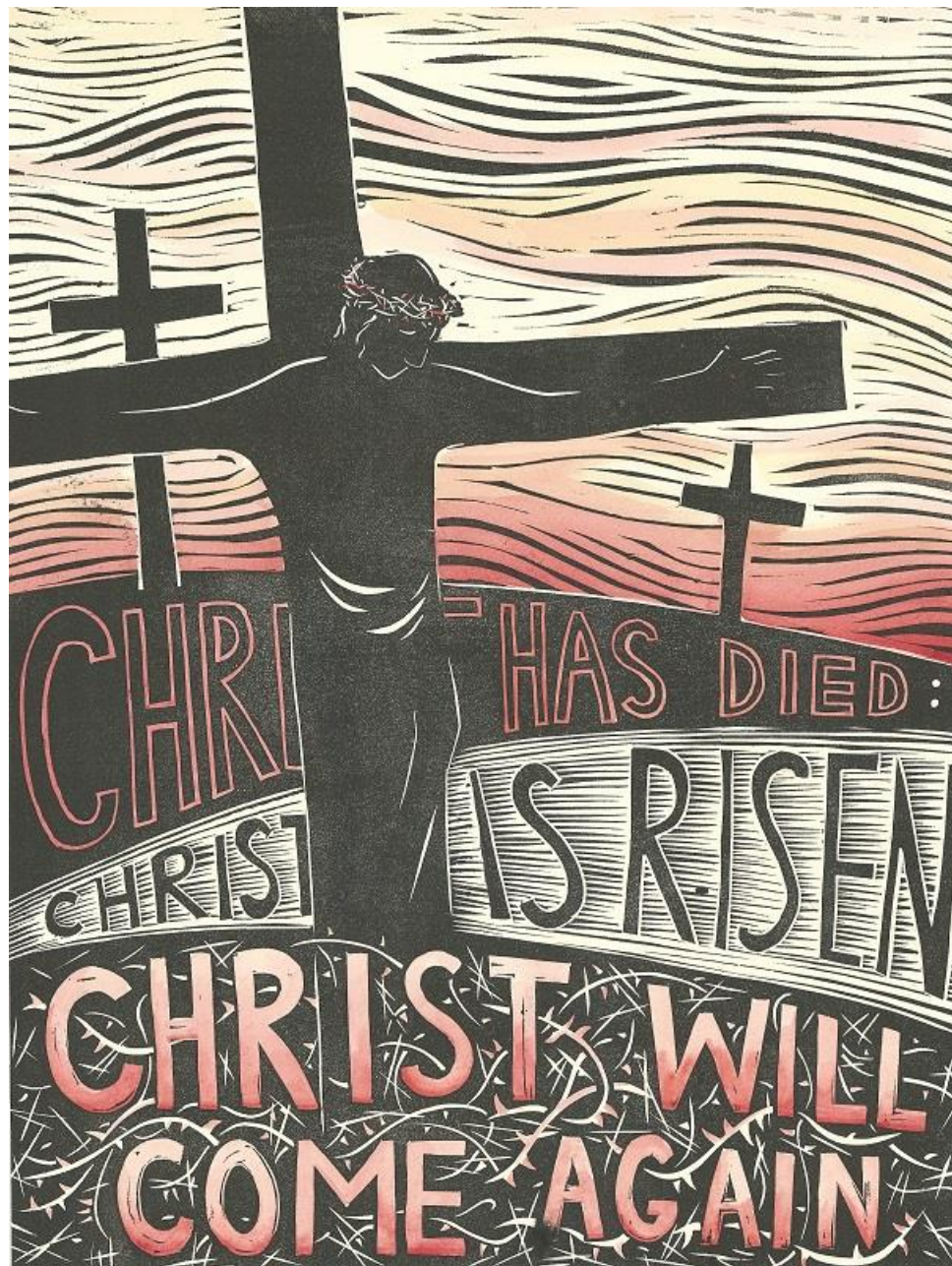


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4 APRIL 2021
EASTER SUNDAY



Prayer for the Week

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us

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

Unwell

Michael Quigley : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

Recovering

The Very Reverend Derek Hole

The Vicar Writes ...

Hope, freedom, new life. This is part of the Easter message, and coincidentally a message that many in the world long and need to hear.

God is with us in good times and bad, and on Easter day we celebrate that in the end, the bad times do not last.

God keeps his promises, we have already been rescued. I hope that you are able to celebrate this Easter, knowing that there are greater celebrations to come, when we can once again gather to share our joy, our music and our love for one another.

May God bless you and all those you love this Eastertide.



Welcome to St James the Greater

Sunday 4TH 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=OXV5UjBkZ2ZlYWtjMjYveVU5RjEzQT09>

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A Service of Morning Prayer For Easter Sunday

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

Anthem – This Joyful Eastertide

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All: let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Easter Anthems

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

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 114

Refrain: **Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.**

1. When Israel came out of Egypt,
 the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
2. Judah became his sanctuary,
 Israel his dominion.
3. The sea saw that, and fled;
 Jordan was driven back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams,
 the little hills like young sheep.
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
 O Jordan, that you were driven back?
6. You mountains, that you skipped like rams,
 you little hills like young sheep?
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water,
 the flint-stone into a springing well.

Refrain: **Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.**

Strike the rock of our hard hearts, O God,
and let our tears of joy and sorrow
mould us to bear the imprint of your love,
given in Christ our risen Lord.

Psalm 117

Refrain: **Alleluia.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations;
 praise him, all you peoples.
2. For great is his steadfast love towards us,
 and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
 Alleluia.

Refrain: **Alleluia.**

Gracious God,
we praise you for your faithfulness
and pray that every nation may find your blessing
in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

Acts 10. 34 – 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Canticle

Refrain:

**All: In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed. Alleluia.**

1. I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
2. The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.
3. This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
4. The Lord is a warrior,
the Lord is his name.
5. Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
6. At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
7. In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

8. And by your invincible strength
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
9. You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15. 1b – 3, 6, 10, 13, 17

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading

John 20. 1 – 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

All: Jesus Christ is Risen

Gospel Canticle

Refrain:

**All: The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

- 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.**

Refrain:

**All: The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

The Sermon

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The Collect of the day is said.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Anthem – O Sons and Daughters

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

Online Worship For Easter

SEVEN LAST WORDS Our thanks go to Paul Jenkins and the Knighton String Quartet for their recital of the Seven Last Words on Good Friday. You can view this truly moving performance, of a meditation for Good Friday in words and the music of Joseph Haydn by visiting our YouTube channel by clicking **here**.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Also available on YouTube is our Service of Evening Prayer for Maundy Thursday, featuring performances by the choir of 'Were You There...' and 'Psalm 22'. You can catch up on this by clicking **here**.

EASTER AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL The Archbishop of Canterbury will lead the Church of England's online service for Easter Day. You can see this service live on all the Church of England's social media channels starting at 9:00am, before joining our Zoom service at 10:30am.

EVENSONG FROM YORK MINSTER On Easter Sunday, the Archbishop of York will be dedicating the Great Organ at the Minster, following three years of refurbishment. You can see this live on their YouTube channel at 4:00pm by clicking **here**. A copy of the order of service is also available from the Minster's website **here**.

THE RESURRECTION For Easter, David Clark, has put together a short film that looks at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the prism of some of his carvings. The film was recorded at Launde Abbey by our former chorister John Davey and can be viewed on Cannon Howard Barker's YouTube page **here**.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 7th April 2021

6:30pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our weekly online service of Compline for Holy Week, which this week is led by Sheila Roberts. 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/87912378981?pwd=eWNNalczOFoxSmpobTJDbzNFQ2xFUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 1237 8981

Passcode: 4pCqy0

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 6th April at 7:30pm, led by Alastair Jackson. As well as Monday 12th April, at 2:30pm, led by Val Bailey. The next hymn to be discussed by the groups is 'This Joyful Eastertide', which is often sung by the choir at Easter. 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, 8th 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 After a break for Lent, Bible Study recommences this coming Friday, 9th April, at 7:00pm. This week, we'll be looking at John's Gospel – Chapter 20, verses 19 to the end. To join us, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>. It will be good to see everyone again.

LENT APPEAL Whilst Lent has now ended, it's not too late to still support our Lent Appeal for 2021 and help out a charity. We know many of you already support charities both locally, nationally and abroad. However, if you're unsure of a charity to back, or would like to help a different one, maybe you'd like to consider making a donation to one of the fantastic organisations listed below. We've included a link to their website to allow you to learn more about them.

- **Open Hands** Is a Leicester charity, whose primary purpose is to show compassion, support and care to those in need, to invest hope in and through people and to empower individuals to work towards a better future. <https://www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/>
- **Leicester South Foodbank** This is the nearest foodbank to St James and we've supported them in previous Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas appeals. <https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **One Roof** Provide accommodation, support and advice to people who are homeless, destitute refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerably housed in Leicester. <https://www.oneroof.org.uk/>
- **Menphys** Is a local charity that provides a range of specialist services to support children and young adults with additional needs and disabilities, and their families. <https://www.menphys.org.uk/>

- **After 18** Is a charity which specialises in supporting unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young refugees under 25 to adjust to living in Leicestershire, consider their options and prepare for their future. <https://www.after18.org.uk/>
- **Christian Aid** Whilst Christian Aid week will take place in late May, last year's appeal was greatly impacted by the first Covid lockdown and they still need our support. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

The last twelve months have been difficult for all of us, but this Lent it would be good if we could show our Christian charity by displaying our support for those who are less fortunate as ourselves.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF HEAVEN Did you know that during his time as our Vicar at St James the Greater and then as Provost of Leicester, Derek Hole has delivered the address at over 200 funerals. Working in collaboration with Graham Jagger, Derek has collated fifty of these addresses into a newly published book, 'Fellow Citizens of Heaven'.

The book is published by the Friends of St James the Greater and is available to buy online from lulu.com. You'll find more details on the book and how to order your copy on the flyer attached with your copy of the bulletin. Congratulations to Derek, and Graham, for all your efforts in putting Fellow Citizens of Heaven together over the last few months.

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
Easter Eucharist	From Canterbury Cathedral	10.00am 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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