



Third Sunday of Easter, 18 April 2021

All Saints', Newtown Linford

Preparation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

cf Titus 2.11

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from your sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thanksgiving for Prince Philip

As we mourn the death of Prince Philip,
let us give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all whose devotion to him
has sustained the life of our Church and nation:
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth,
His Late Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and all the Royal Family;
for the ministers of the Crown
and all who bear the privilege and burden of government:
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For all people touched by the Duke of Edinburgh's devotion to public service:
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For our own lives, giving thanks for all who have gone before,
and asking that we might go forward with confidence and hope:
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us
all the days of our lives,
that we may ever trust in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn,
especially at this time, to the Queen
and all members of the Royal Family.
May they know the hope of your promises
and the comfort of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
 - 2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
 - 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
 - 4 Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
 - 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.
 - 6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
 - 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
 - 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.
- Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 24.36-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

Hymn: Be still

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers

Intercessions

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour 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 Collect of the Day

**Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Hymn: Love's redeeming work is done

The Conclusion

**Draw your Church together, O God,
into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love
on every continent and island.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

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