

WORSHIP - 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 25 APRIL 2021

*Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am and we meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website.
This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.*

Hymn - I danced in the morning when the world was begun -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mgvzwXTpM4>

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. And also with you.

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.

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

The Gloria – Mass of St Cedd, Peter Nardone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf1F6G0Iuas>

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament reading - Acts 4.5-12 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Hymn - The King of love my shepherd is - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWfZ-8s71-k>

Gospel - John 10.11-18 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Address - sermons from Peter and Clive are on the website

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem – I give to you a new commandment - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0L8WV7mXAo>

Words: John 13.34-35 and Liber Usualis, Music: Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.
Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincerro. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession, *written by Louise Whittaker*

As we pray to you today oh risen Lord, we ask for your grace in helping us anew to follow in your footsteps.
Help us to live boldly by your word, in our desire to bring about your kingdom. Help us to love one another
as you have loved and continue to love us. And enable us we pray to share one day in your perfect kingdom
of Justice and mercy, truth and love. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

After over a year of hardship, the future that many of us will see before us will not necessarily be easy to bear.
Therefore in the days and months ahead Lord, as we move beyond the Covid lockdowns, we pray for
continued contact with those friends and people in our community who value our companionship and
support. We pray for the congregations of our own churches of Saint Edmund's and Saint Matthew's as we
return to worship in our church buildings and we ask for your strength and guidance for Peter and all church
leaders as they too continue to work in ever changing circumstances. Whatever the future has in store for us
all as your Christian followers Lord, we ask that by your spirit we can continue to give of ourselves truthfully
and compassionately as we speak out and act in your name. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world and for leaders and government ministers in all nations. Help them to come together
and share resources and vaccines in these times of need. Grant them insight and strength to respond to
injustice with a total dedication to justice. We pray especially for the situation in India – we pray for those
who have died, those who are dying, those whose families are desperate to find oxygen. We pray for our link
churches and friends in Nagpur – there are no words to express the pain and suffering. Across this world,
40% of people have no running water in which to wash their hands. By your grace oh Lord we ask that our
world leaders can look to policies and strategies that work for the good of all.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit. Help us to be there for them when life is hard. We ask that all who are frightened may call to you for support and courage and are reassured by your hope and peace. Thank you too dear Lord for the lives of the departed, for the love and values they have shared with us during their lives on earth; we pray that you remain close to those who mourn for them and feel the pain of their loss. Give us grace to support those who grieve, through our prayers, words of compassion and any practical help we can offer. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Finally and not least of all we thank you Lord for the light that is shining through the darkness and the glimmer of hope that we are currently seeing around us. We raise our voices of praise as the spring sun starts to shine down upon us and we enjoy the colours of the flowers, the buds on the trees and the singing birds that feed their young. Let us hold on to the light and pray for happier more joyful times and beginnings ahead. And we pray, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Hymn - Great is thy faithfulness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKIqmdfHSk>

The Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final music - Tuba tune in D major, C.S Lang - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xz8WMmiE58>

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