

Evening Prayer 15th. May Easter 5
Online via Brookdean Benefice facebook page at 3pm.
(available for next 30 days)

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

let heaven and earth rejoice.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
 the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death

you brought your people to new birth

by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed
 and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light

may our lives reflect his glory

and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
 let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,

so may your mercy come down upon us

to cleanse our hearts

and set us free to sing your praise

now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

1 This joyful Eastertide
 away with sin and sorrow.

My love, the Crucified,

has sprung to life this morrow:

Had Christ, that once was slain,

ne'er burst his three-day prison,

our faith had been in vain:

but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill
 since Jesus crossed the river.
 Lover of souls, from ill
 my passing soul deliver. [Refrain]

My flesh in hope shall rest
 and for a season slumber
 till trump from east to west
 shall wake the dead in number. [Refrain]

Words: George Woodward (1848-1934) T. VRUECHTEN

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation;
 his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
 towards the house of Israel,
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
 break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the
 Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

**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.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane."

This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: A SONG OF FAITH

God raised Christ from the dead, the Lamb without spot or stain.

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. *1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21*

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.
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A reading from St John's Gospel (13:31-35)

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

from Psalm 118

GOSPEL CANTICLE THE MAGNIFICAT the song of Mary.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Luke 1.46-55*

**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.**

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has become the chief cornerstone.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING**THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

1 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) T. SAVANNAH

Address

Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim
 Good news for men in all the earth;
 The gospel of a Saviour's name:
 We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
 Not in a royal house or hall
 But in a stable dark and dim:
 The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
 Hated by those He came to save;
 In lonely suffering on the cross
 For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
 Empty the tomb, for He was free.
 He broke the power of death and hell
 That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
 By all creation glorified;
 He sends His Spirit on His Church
 To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 This gospel message we proclaim:
 We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Words: Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938) T. FULDA

THE CONCLUSION

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

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!