

Anglican Parish of Clevedon

MORNING PRAYER IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

SUNDAY 24 MAY: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

This service will be live-streamed on the parish Facebook Page at 9.30am
<https://www.facebook.com/welcomeandhospitality/live/>

Gathering

We begin by lighting a candle in our respective homes

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER

God, you are our beginning and you will be our end;
we are made in your image and likeness.

We praise and thank you for this day.

This is the day on which you created light and saw that it was good.

This is the day in whose early morning light

we discovered the tomb was empty,
and encountered Christ, the world's true light.

**This this is the day you have made;
we shall rejoice and be glad in it.**

Scripture says,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose great mercy we
have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever!**

Amen.

HYMN: *O God our help in ages past*

1. O God, our help in ages past,
O God, our hope for years to come,
You are our shield and shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Before the hills in order stood,
Before the earth received her frame,
Before the dawn of time you were eternal God,
To endless years the same.

Refrain

*Teach us to number all our days
And grant us wisdom where we roam
And may we plant each path we walk with joyful praise
Till all our days are done.*

3. Beneath the shadow of your throne
Your saints have ever dwelt secure;
When courage fails our refuge is your strength alone,
And our defense is sure.

Refrain

4. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears every life, each hour away
Till sorrows fly forgotten, as a distant dream
Dies at the opening day.

Refrain

5. O God, our help in ages past,
O God our hope for years to come,
Be still our guard, be still our guide when troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Words: Maggi Dawn and Isaac Watts

Music: Maggi Dawn

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.
As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

**All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

During the season of Easter, the Confession of Sin is omitted in order for worship to emphasize the celebration of redemption and new life that are characteristic of this season.

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

PSALM 47

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

² **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

⁴ **He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

⁸ **God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
**For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

GLORIA

1. Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love Him well
on the earth let all God's people seek His grace, His wonders tell.
God, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.
2. Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sins away
now with Him in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy Saviour, you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father with the Spirit, three in one.

Tune: *Ode to Joy*

FIRST READING: *Acts 1:1-11*

The Reverend Judy Vause

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

- 1 In you, Jesus, Son of God, we have a great high priest:
**you have passed through the heavens,
and are seated at the right hand of God on high.**
- 2 Therefore we hold fast to the faith that ' we profess:
**for you are not a high priest who is unable
to sympathise with our weaknesses.**
- 3 In every respect you have been tempted as we are:
and yet you did not sin.
- 4 Although a Son, you learned obedience
through what you suffered:
**and being made perfect, you have become the source
of eternal salvation for all who obey you.**
- 5 This gives us every confidence:
to draw near to the ' throne of grace.
- 6 **There we receive mercy:
and find grace to help in time of need.**

based on Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:8,9; 8:1

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.**

HYMN: A Hymn for Ascension

1. Christ ascends to God! Behold him here, where earth and heaven meet.
Unimagined powers enfold him,
mortals worship at his feet.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
all his mission now complete.
2. God receives him into mystery -
clouds of glory veil the sight;
no more bound to human history,
strong as love and free as light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
now to reign in his own right.
3. He is with us. Do not seek him
throned in splendour far above:
meet him here where truth and freedom
now reveal his work of love.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
countless signs his presence prove.
4. Universal Lord, now reigning
deep in nature's smallest part,
all things live by your sustaining,
time and space your work of art.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
praise to Christ, creation's heart.

Tune: Praise my Soul

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 24: 44-53

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SERMON

The Reverend Sarah Park

AN EASTER CREED

In a time before all knowing, God is,
and God's breath fills the emptiness, creating:
a universe, a world, an ecology, a biology and us, humankind.
All humankind, no exceptions, no imperfections;
and all of us beloved just as we are.

In a time before all knowing,
Christ Jesus watches the creating,
and steps out into creation:
becoming, living, dying, and rising, all for us.
All humankind, no exceptions, no reservations;
all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

In a time before all knowing the Spirit is,
and moves through every part of creation:
consoling, interceding, leading, and refreshing all the world, including us.
All humankind, no exceptions, no differentiations;
all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

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Prayers of Intercession

led by Jenny & Mark Hays

Christ, you are risen with the sun;
you are light in our darkness, warmth in our cold.
You are peace and hope and joy.

We offer our prayers for your world ...

Roll away the stone of hopelessness
that the light of Jesus Christ may shine into the darkness.

Silence

We give thanks for those who work for the good of others...

As they respond to the hungers and hurts of this world,
may the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen them.

Silence

We pray for those whom we know to be in need at this time ...

Silence

Roll away the stone for those who suffer.
Breathe resurrection life into your people.

Silence

We give thanks for the ways in which community is being deepened ...

May expressions of compassion and generosity go viral
And so enfold this world with your love.

Silence

In the work we do this day,
may the risen Christ teach us.

In the challenges we face this day,
may the risen Christ guide us.

Through the people we encounter this day,
may the risen Christ renew us.

Jesus, our friend and Saviour:
Guide us in this new day,
that we may know God's desire for us
and gain strength and courage to live as beloved children of God.
Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Sending Out

HYMN: *We have a Gospel to Proclaim*

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of the saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

Edward Burns

NOTICES

PRAYER

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life:
**As the gift of this new day unfolds,
open our hearts and minds to you,
that we may see you clearly and follow where you lead;
to you, risen Saviour, we offer praise,
now and always. Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING

May your encounter with the crucified and risen Christ
repair your waning hopes and dilapidated dreams.

May you allow God to push back the stone of self-preoccupation
and untomb your generosity.

May the Spirit infuse you with joy
joy that points to the abundant grace of God.

And may the blessing of God:
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and all your days. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

We extinguish our candles

Morning Tea!

You are invited to join with others for morning tea via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84170867096>

Meeting ID: **841 7086 7096**

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