

CHRIST CHURCH  
SHOOTERS HILL



Easter Day  
12th April 2020

## *Preparation*

*Please, take some time before the service for quiet reflection, if possible. Focus on being in God's presence and prepare yourself for the start of the service.*

*This prayer may help you as you prepare for the service:*

### *Prayer of Preparation*

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.**

*Final hymn: Thine be the glory*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
 angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
 kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
 let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
 for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:  
 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;  
 life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
 make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:  
 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*The Gathering**Introit Hymn Jesus Christ is risen today*

Jesus Christ is risen today,  
 Alleluia!  
 Our triumphant holy day,  
 Alleluia!  
 Who did once, upon the cross,  
 Alleluia!  
 Suffer to redeem our loss.  
 Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
 Alleluia!  
 Unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
 Alleluia!  
 Who endured the cross and grave,  
 Alleluia!  
 Sinners to redeem and save.  
 Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured,  
 Alleluia!  
 Our salvation have procured;  
 Alleluia!  
 Now above the sky he's King,  
 Alleluia!  
 Where the angels ever sing.  
 Alleluia!

In the name of the Father,  
 and of the Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you                   **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.               **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of  
your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Absolution*

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.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious  
victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the  
risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Breaking of the Bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*Giving of Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Quiet music is played O filli et filiae.*

*Prayer after Communion*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then we pray together:*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

*The Gloria*

**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*

The Lord be with you                      **And also with you**

Let us pray

*Silence*

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.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### *First Reading*

#### **Jeremiah 31: 1-6**

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *Second Reading*

#### **Acts 10: 34-43**

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. '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

and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,

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.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *The Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **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 around 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.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*The 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,**

*Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ,  
your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women  
the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing forever the hymn of your glory.

Lord, we thank you for the precious gift of new life;  
 may we never again take it for granted,  
 but live each moment in the fullness of life  
 that Jesus has gained for us.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake  
 of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### *The Peace*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

### *Offertory Hymn Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward:

Life for all men, alleluia! *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

**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.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

As we celebrate the new life of Resurrection,  
Let us pray to the one true God, who brings us all to life.

We pray that the Church  
may proclaim with joy your message of hope  
for the world, especially in these strange times;  
may our lives, as well as our worship,  
testify to the truth of the Resurrection;  
broaden our vision of what is possible  
through new life in you.

*Silence*

Life-giving God:  
**transform our lives.**

We pray for the world we inhabit;  
for those who lead, and take important decisions,  
and for those who follow or are coerced, or who have no voice.  
We pray for mercy and justice, compassion and integrity.  
We pray for protection against evil and strengthening of goodness.

*Silence*

Life-giving God:  
**transform our lives.**

We pray for all babies, and those as yet unborn,  
that they may be born into a world of love and acceptance.  
We pray, too, for those who provide foster care,  
and for all children at risk.  
We pray for all parents and those who support them.

*Silence*

Life-giving God:  
**transform our lives.**

We pray for all those who are so essential to our country: NHS  
staff; shop workers; cleaners; lorry drivers; the emergency services  
and all other key workers. We pray that they will have the  
materials that they need to do their work and to do it safely.  
Strengthen their work and support them.

Life-giving God:  
**transform our lives.**

Lord God, we pray for those who cannot think,  
for the pain or anguish which engulfs them;  
for all whose lives are troubled and insecure;  
for those who have little energy left to rejoice.  
Bring healing, and the resources to cope with suffering,  
and give us the grace to carry one another's burdens in love.

*Silence*

Life-giving God:  
**transform our lives.**

Lord God, we thank you for lives well lived,  
and commend to your keeping those who have died.  
Through the resurrection hope,  
may they know the joy of heaven.

*Silence*

Life-giving God:  
**transform our lives.**