

Sunday 12th April
Easter Day



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The Link

Community, Worship, Culture

Welcome to the Cathedral – at home!

Things are changing rapidly and are rather fluent in these unprecedented times, including the Cathedral Link!

You will be aware that the Bishop has asked us to close the doors of our beautiful Cathedral for the time being, so Dean Nigel has put together a simple form of Liturgy for Easter Day which you may use in your homes:

The word Easter owes its origin to The Venerable Bede (c 673-735). *Eostre* was a Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and Spring whose special day was the spring equinox. The Great celebration of the resurrection, the most important Christian feast, Christianised this festival and drew on Jewish roots of the Passover with which it is intimately connected. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon on or after the vernal equinox.

Our worship has a number of elements, but over-arching all is the joy of the resurrection.

TAKE 10 minutes.

Light a fresh Candle - the largest you have.

(The Candle by the font in the Cathedral is normally lit for the first time at Easter and then at every service throughout the year. It reminds us that Christ is the light of the world **there from the beginning to the end of time or as the Bible puts it he is the Alpha and Omega.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

If you have a garden, look at it through the window or imagine a green space and reflect on what it may have been like for Mary Magdalene as you say:

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others. **Amen.**

Sing the **Gloria in Excelsis** to the tune of 'Thine be the Glory' (Maccabeus)

Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise.
Songs of adoration, Lord to you we bring,
Praising your great goodness, Father heavenly King.
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth in highest heaven praise!

Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin,
Lamb of God have mercy, grant us peace within.
You O Christ are holy, you alone are Lord,
With the Holy Spirit evermore adored.
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth in highest heaven praise!

BLESS 5 mins

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Easter Anthems

1. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us :
therefore let us keep the feast;
2. Not with the old leaven,
nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness :
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8
3. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more :
death hath no more dominion over him.
4. For in that he died, he died unto sin once :
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
5. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed
unto sin : but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6.9-11
6. Christ is risen from the dead :
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
7. For since by man came death :
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
8. For as in Adam all die :
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15.20-22

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

BREAK 10mins +

Read today's Gospel using what is called the Lectio Divina:

- **read** (slowly and carefully);
- **meditate** (then reflect on the text's meaning);
- **pray** (then have a conversation with God);
- **contemplate** (then rest with the text in God's presence);
- and some add Act – save this for the end of the service

The Gospel is from 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 round 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.

Renewal of Baptism Vows

Easter Day in the early church was always a day for Baptisms. It is a chance for us to reflect on promises made at our baptism.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore am I able to say:

I reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I turn to Christ as Saviour and submit to him as Lord?

I come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Profession of Faith

Am I able to profess the faith of the Church?

**I believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?**

**I believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and
makes Christ known in the world?**

This is the faith of the Church which I share.

We do believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

So help us to remain faithful to our baptism promises

SHARE 10 mins

Prayer of Intercession

We pray, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations,

Jesus, Lord of life. **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, we pray for your church,

Give her courage in these challenging days Deepen our appreciation,

Jesus, Lord of life. **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick

and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures as we pray for those affected by
Covid 19

Jesus, Lord of life. **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and
believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life. **Hear our prayer.**

Our Father in heaven ...

The Dismissal:

Lectio Divina: **Act** - How might I live the Good News I have heard today. Perhaps it is an
action which has to go on hold until isolation ends.

Might I consider keeping a journal of thoughts, resolutions and ideas?

*Peter has provided a recording of him playing Handel's 'Alexander's Feast' on the
Cathedral organ, it can be heard here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9NsvievCmE&t or
on the Cathedral website in the 'Cathedral at home' section.*

Happy Easter from your Cathedral Family!