

# WORSHIP - 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - 18 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 - Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise -**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Af5LYjsou8Q>

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 Thomas, David Thorne -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbziz>

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.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
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.

Glory to God in the highest.  
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.  
Glory to God in the highest.

**The Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament reading - Acts 3.12-19- is printed on the blue noticessheet

Hymn - We sing the praise of him who died - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ty\\_IJ7gInH4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ty_IJ7gInH4)

Gospel - Luke 24.36b-48 - is printed on the blue noticessheet

Address - a sermon from Peter is 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 – Ye choirs of new Jerusalem - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFRqxs026HQ>

Words: Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028), Robert Campbell (1814-1868) Music: C.V. Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion burst his chains  
crushing the serpent's head;  
and cries aloud through death's domains  
to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey  
at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in His glory now  
to Him all power is given;  
to Him in one communion bow  
all saints in earth and heaven.

While we his soldiers praise our King,  
His mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

As we gather, we give thanks for another week where normality seems to be returning. We give thanks for places that have been able to reopen – for people in the pub garden, for steam trains in the Ecclesbourne Valley, for a choir back in our services. We give thanks for Adam and Billie who were married yesterday, for Jeff and Pauline whose wedding takes place at Abbeydale on Wednesday – we pray for our residential homes, for staff, residents and families. It does feel as if Easter hope is more of a reality than perhaps it felt a fortnight ago, and we are grateful. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Yet we know life is not easy. There are people, including many of our friends, who are still frightened about coming out, who do not feel safe in this new world. There are communities that have changed, shopping habits that will never be the same, business that will never reopen, churches still unable to worship as we would like. While we give thanks for new ways of worship, we face challenges as we balance them with the old. We pray for ourselves, our City, our Diocese, for Allestree Churches Together and the work you have called us to do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, in many parts of the world, Covid is still devastating lives and communities. We think of the pictures we have seen from Brazil, we ask your forgiveness for the minimal vaccination programme in so many parts of the world. We know there are new variants, a continuing battle, and the lives of our brothers and sisters across the world are under threat. It is so easy to pray in gratitude, and to ignore the pain and suffering of others. Lord, may our Easter faith be a faith that inspires us to work for your Kingdom – in our lives, and in the lives of all humanity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We know that Covid is not the only battle being fought. We think of the scenes from Mozambique, Myanmar, and closer to home in Northern Ireland. Lord, we never thought we would be back in a situation where we have to pray for Northern Ireland every week. We pray for young people seduced by the excitement of violence and the encouragement of others, we pray for so many people who want to keep the peace they worked so hard to achieve, and we pray for politicians who seem to have learned so little about how peace needs to be constantly worked for. We pray for calm, wise heads, for a way forward that brings communities together. There is evil that needs to be fought, we ask for your strength. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country, for our leaders at National and local level. We pray for those in our health services, for those who are shattered by all they have been through. We pray for those who need a level of care we are struggling to provide, for all the political questions of resources and supply, of pay and reward. We ask Lord for generosity and fairness. We pray for our friends in hospital, for all undergoing medical treatment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember Prince Philip and all those who have died, we give thanks for the promise of resurrection. We pray for their families and friends – for Her Majesty and her family, on that day after a funeral when you know you have to move on, but it's so hard. Help us, Lord, to have faith as we journey in Easter light. 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 - The Lord's my shepherd - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAqPZQeDcFs>

### 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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