

KINGTON PARISHES



EASTER SUNDAY



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**A warm welcome to our service this morning and a special
welcome if you're joining us for the live-stream Service.**
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THE GATHERING

Welcome and Notices

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

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you
and also with you.

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

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**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

GLORIA

Gloria, gloria , in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

THE COLLECT

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

ISAIAH 25. 6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118. 14-24

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: ‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ACTS 10. 34-43

Peter began to speak to them: '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 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.

HYMN: *The Day of Resurrection!*

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth the song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 16. 1-8

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

cf Revelation 1.17,18

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM PROMISES *(replaces the creed today)*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have been died and buried with him in baptism so that we may rise with him to a new life in the family of the Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

I invite you now to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father, the Creator of all?

I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World?

I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life?

I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church:

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

John 20.19, 20

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

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.***

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

God of wisdom,
May the light of your eternal Word,
Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
Lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
We ask this in his name.

Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(or)

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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 for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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.]**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Stephen,
St Thomas a Becket all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

We welcome anyone who is a communicating member of the Christian church to receive communion. We also welcome those who do not wish to receive communion, but would like to receive a special blessing. To indicate this, please bring this order of service with you.

POST 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit come down upon us and remain with us and those who we love
and for whom we have prayed. This day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Service next week, 11th April, Easter II
10.00am Group Eucharist Kington

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For your prayers: Please pray for our Diocese of Hereford, our Bishop Richard, Derek our Archdeacon and Guy Wilkinson, Rural Dean. Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem, The Diocese of Belize – The Church in the Province of the West Indies, The Diocese of Bendigo – The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province), The Diocese of Benin – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province), The Diocese of Bentiu – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Upper Nile Province), The Diocese of Bermuda – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church (III (3) Province). **Porvoo:** Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala; Church in Wales: Diocese of Llandaff. Please pray for Beryl Gundy, Ann Aubrey, Heather Wilsher, Ruby Hughes, Howard Meadows, Barbara Hammond, Owen Traylor, all who have recently died & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL

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