

KINGTON PARISHES



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



25TH APRIL 2021

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

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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

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

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us
from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal
life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep
God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that
we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you
with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to
amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do
justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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 sins 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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1 JOHN 3: 16-end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will

reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

PSALM 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

ACTS 4. 5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

HYMN: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

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

**How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he has gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all;
earth, heaven and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.**

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

Alleluia! Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 10. 11-18

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.

Alleluia.

Cf Revelation 1. 17,18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe and trust in God the Father,
Who created all that is.
I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
Who redeemed humankind.
I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
Who gives life to the people of God.
I 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: Good Christians all

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all the earth rejoice and say**

**Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored**

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.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Virgin Mary, Peter, Stephen,
Thomas a Becket and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

HYMN: Faithful Shepherd I will sing the wondrous story

**I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.**

**Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me -
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

**I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray;
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I often tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

**He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me-
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

POST COMMUNION: Merciful Father, you have your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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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Services next week, 2 May, Easter V

8.30am	Holy Eucharist	Titley
10.00am	Holy Eucharist	Kington
11.30am	Holy Eucharist	Kinnerton
5.00pm	Lambing Service	Old Radnor

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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 Ollie and Leanne who were married at Old Radnor yesterday. Please pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai, The Diocese of Brasília – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province), The Diocese of Brazzaville – Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church, The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia (Queensland Province), The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England (Canterbury Province), The Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province). **Porvoo:** Church of Sweden: Diocese of Gothenburg; Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. Please pray for Margaret Flynn, Langley Shuker, Beryl Gundy, Ann Aubrey, Heather Wilsher, Ruby Hughes, all who have recently died & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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