

KINGTON PARISHES



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



11TH APRIL 2021

**GROUP EUCHARIST
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. Please note that Kington Gives Thanks a service to celebrate the life of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh will be held here at 5.00pm today.
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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

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.**

GLORIA

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

EXODUS 14. 10-END

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land;

and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

ACTS 4. 32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

² **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

HYMN: O Sons and daughters let us sing

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death to-day rose triumphing.
Alleluia!**

**That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!**

**An angel clad in white they see,
who sat, and spake unto the three,
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."
Alleluia!**

**That night the apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia!**

**How blessed are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise,
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: John 20. 19-end

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.**

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house
where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:19-end)

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. Let us offer one another a sign of peace

HYMN: At the Lamb's high feast

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.**

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.**

HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

**This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.**

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, Arisen, Arisen*

**My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:**

**Death's flood has lost it's chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:**

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: Eternal Father, strong to save
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
It's own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy Word
Who walked on the foaming deep
And calm amidst it's rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!**

**Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude
And bid it's angry tumult cease
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Trinity of love and power!
Our family shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe
Protect us wheresoever we go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea**

POST COMMUNION Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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, 18th April, Easter III

8.30am Holy Eucharist Titley
10.00am Holy Eucharist Kington
11.30am Holy Eucharist 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 The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Diocese of Bhopal – The (united) Church of North India, The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province), The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania, The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England (Canterbury Province), The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England (York Province), The Diocese of Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa (West Africa Province). **Porvoo:** Church of England: Diocese of Derby; Church of Ireland: Diocese of Clogher; Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aalborg. 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.

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